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SEE-SAW IN LENINGRAD DUEL

Germans Claim New Advance

Effective Soviet Counter-Thrusts

THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE FOR LENINGRAD, WITH THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE OPPOSING ARMIES, WAS DESCRIBED YESTERDAY IN BOTH BERLIN AND MOSCOW BROADCASTS.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of "a fair-sized town," refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

The capture of further sections of Leningrad's defences figure in the German claims, which speak of the taking of strong Soviet field positions and the putting out of action of a number of Soviet pillboxes with heavy losses for the enemy.

On the Russia side, the "Red Star" states that in battles on the bridges to Leningrad the German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses in a series of counter-attacks.

According to a field despatch to the "Red Star" one such counter-attack developed into a battle which raged throughout Tuesday.

The Soviet troops forced the 126th German Infantry Division to roll back, capturing fortified positions.

THE GERMANS THEN BROUGHT TANKS INTO ACTION SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY BUT WERE COMPELLED TO RETREAT, "LEAVING THE BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH THE CORPSES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS."

"Cossack" Tanks

In another sector on the south-eastern approaches to the city the Germans drove a wedge into the Russian defences but were forced to retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks" which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed by by the "Red Star" to have been inflicted on the 136th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

"Between September 8 and 15 the German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

The effective work of Soviet Fleet Air Arm aircraft found a place in yesterday's Soviet broadcasts.

Fleet Air Arm

A supplement to the Soviet communique states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 13 enemy 'planes and destroyed 10 more on an enemy aerodrome.

At the approaches to Leningrad Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German A.A. batteries, 11 A.A. machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns.

The Black Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy 'planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to a bold attack on German troops by a guerilla detachment commanded by a schoolmaster operating in the Odessa district. — Reuter.

SOCONY FACTORY BLAZE

All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory at Whiting, Indiana.

One man is reported to have been killed and several are injured.

The fire spread to dozens of oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long.

Concern is expressed over the possibility that an "agitator plant," which is a storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames are visible for many miles.

Later.

The fire is now apparently under control. — Reuter.

Britain Warns Finland

The report that Britain has told Finland that if she continues to invade purely Russian territory it will be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come, was confirmed in London yesterday.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish War, Britain, it was understood, would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as a possibility in authoritative circles in London.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE'S TWO SUCCESSES

A British submarine has torpedoed an enemy transport and a supply ship of about 1,500 tons in the central Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty communique issued yesterday afternoon.

The supply ship is believed to have been sunk and the transport was later seen to be on fire.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Issues Denial

All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia yesterday, states a Sofia despatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the three-power pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union, establish a protectorate in the Crimea to control the Black Sea and participate in exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Bulgaria, he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed from any quarter.—Reuter.

RUSSIA A FACTOR FOR PEACE

"RUSSIA'S RESISTANCE IS A FACTOR FOR PEACE IN THE PACIFIC, DECLARED SIR RONALD CROSS, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA, AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY BY THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA.

"All unstintingly admire and praise the heroism and self-sacrifice of the Russian forces," he said.

"Japan is watching Russia whose battle is our battle," declared Sir Ronald.

"Our relations with Japan are regrettable but are purely Japan's fault."—Reuter.

WAVELL'S FLYING VISIT

It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, has been on a visit to London, where he had consultations with the Imperial General Staff.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned to India.

During General Wavell's visit to London he had several talks with Mr. Churchill, General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and other high British military officials.

It is understood the object of General Wavell's visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.—Reuter.

FRENCH SHIP SUNK

The Vichy news agency announces that British bombers attacked and sank the French cargo steamer "Moncelet" on Saturday in the Gulf of Gabes, off the coast of Tunisia. All her crew were rescued.

The agency adds that the "Moncelet," which carried a cargo of phosphates, caught fire after being hit by three bombs.—Reuter.

NAZIS AGAIN CHANGE STORY

Situation On Russian Front

Solid Defence At Leningrad

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

THE GERMANS ON TUESDAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THE ENCIRCLED RUSSIAN FORCES CAN BE RECKONED WITH "IN A FEW DAYS."

This tells a somewhat different story from their earlier claims that the surrounded Soviet troops were disintegrating and being abandoned by their officers.

It confirms the views already expressed that the Germans are making a desperate effort to cut off the rearguards of Marshal Budenny's forces and that the latter are fighting with the same indomitable spirit that has characterised the Russian soldiers throughout the last three months.

Indeed, unofficial reports from Moscow of counter-attacks at Glukhov and Poltava, which are reported to have met with local success, show the Russian morale is not weakening.

Both at Leningrad and Odessa the assailants have not been able to make any progress despite repeated attacks with heavy forces.

German Losses

German losses in these intensive operations must undoubtedly have been extremely heavy and there are therefore good grounds for believing that the estimate of M. Maisky of German losses as somewhere in the neighbourhood of three million is not excessive.

The recent German claims of heavy air raids and air successes over Britain are to certain knowledge without foundation and prove that German propaganda is being compelled once again to have recourse to down right lies to give the German people a little encouragement and confidence.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange continues cheerful with the markets again mostly firm. Fair investment enquiry was evident but the shortage of stock restricts business. Gilt-edged and India loans gained further ground while breweries were good features among industrials and American issues in oils. Argentine rails improved on local political developments but Brazil bonds reflected disappointment in connection with the coffee loan redemption tender acceptances. Kaffirs responded well to Cape demand. Wall Street was firm. —Reuter.

GAS STOPPED PLAY

"Gas stopped play" was recorded in the score book at Skegness County Cricket ground when players raced from the pitch as tear-gas blew over from the town's main street during a surprise test.

REVOLUTION IN FOUR MONTHS IN FRANCE!

Arthur Lesses, former propagandist for the French Government, arriving in the United States, said revolution would break out all over France "within four months."

The execution of so-called Communists in reprisal for attacks on Nazi soldiers would accelerate and not retard the uprising, he added.—Reuter.

R.A.F. ADDS TO ITS "STABLE"

When Britain entered the war the R.A.F. had but two principal types of fighter aircraft—the Hurricane and Spitfire. Both are single-seat, single-motor monoplanes of the low-wing type and of similar general design. British bomber types were rather more diverse, but the main long range offensive operations were carried out by three types of 2-motor bombers—Whitleys, Wellingtons and Hampdens.

Many new types of operational aircraft, both fighters and bombers, have come into use since. Some are British, some American. There have been new departures in fighter design, the turretted Defiant, and the 2-motor night fighting Beaufighter. New type bombers include 4-motor types such as the Stirling and Halifax.

Not many details of the new American types have yet been released, but among those which have already been in action are the Curtis Tomahawk, a sturdy fighter comparable to the Hurricane, the Douglas D.B.7. (known in its bomber version as the Boston, and and as the Havoc when used as a night fighter), and the Consolidated Catalina flying-boat. Boeing Flying Fortresses and Consolidated Liberators are heavy bombers which are now arriving and which will add to the offensive power of the R.A.F.

Other types of U.S.A. aircraft of advanced design are also on their way to add to the growing "stable" of the R.A.F.

PIGEON'S ROLE IN BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

The range of the peregrine falcon along our coastal cliffs has been limited during recent months by successive Air Ministry Orders legalising the destruction of the birds or their eggs in various districts. The Scottish counties of Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty, the islands to the west and the whole of Northern Ireland have now been included.

Like older marauders the outlawed birds have for a time enjoyed a respite in the Highlands and the Western Isles, and have no doubt taken full toll there of their favourite prey, the rock dove. Unfortunately the peregrine does not distinguish between wild pigeons and homers carrying messages from aircraft over the sea to shore stations. It was the loss of carrier pigeons which has led to the outlawry of the falcon, for upon the safe delivery of the pigeon's message may depend the lives of the whole crew of a big flying boat.

As everyone knows the long range aircraft of Coastal Command now patrol the shipping lanes far out into the North Atlantic. In this waste of waters the supreme struggle of the war is being fought out; upon the vigilance of R.A.F. eyes and the safe passage of its aircraft hangs, in large part, the issue.

Messages sent ashore by pigeon from patrolling aircraft must be delivered at all costs. No feathered watcher over the cliffs of Western Scotland, and Hebrides or Skye can be allowed to interfere with the messenger.

TRADE UNIONS TO MEET IN MOSCOW

It was officially stated in London yesterday that arrangements are now in hand for the first meeting between delegates of the Trades Union Congress and the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions, to take place in Moscow.

The representatives will be Mr. Wolsten Croft, Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Walter Citrine, General-Secretary, Mr. P. Allen, Mr. A. Conley and Mr. H. N. Harrison.—Reuter.

REALLY SILENT SERVICE

The recent revelation of the vital new air defence system now known as radiolocation has exploded one of the oldest fables about women—that they cannot keep a secret. Large numbers of W.A.A.F. radio operators have for months past been doing their part in "radiolocating" enemy 'planes. Yet from them not a word of this most closely guarded of Britain's secret weapons has reached the ear of the outside world—and the enemy.

Just how well the W.A.A.F. kept mum was shown when the story of radiolocation was officially told. W.A.A.F. members not directly concerned in its operation were as surprised as any other members of the public.

Even though in many cases they were actually working, in some other capacity, on R.A.F. stations near the apparatus, no hint of the device had been dropped by their sisters of the new "Silent Service."

In the past recruiting officers looking—for likely radiolocation candidates have only been able to say that the work would be "confidential and interesting." Now any young woman between 17½ and 35 can plainly ask to be considered for radiolocation work. If she has a nice clear voice, perfect eyesight, integrity of character and an above-average education, the job is hers. And even though a candidate cannot reach this high standard there are dozens of other jobs waiting for her in the W.A.A.F.

BITTER FIGHTING FLARES UP ON ODESSA FRONT

ACTIVITY ON THE ODESSA front has again increased, and bitter fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Kherson for a point called "N," which the Soviet troops hold.

The enemy has flung in more reserves but the Soviet forces threw back the Germans after a bloody struggle in which 1,500 enemy corpses were left piled up in tank traps.

At "point N" the Soviet troops hold well-prepared defensive positions.

The enemy, without sparing men, launched one attack after another and once pierced the Soviet first line defences.

The Soviet Command threw in its reserves and forced the Germans out.

The news, published in the "Red Star," throws down the German claim to have already reached Perekop, on the isthmus, and to have isolated the Crimea.

"Red Star" does not state exactly how far from Kherson the battle is in progress.

Orchard Of Ukraine

Kherson itself stands on the high right bank of the Dnieper, 20 miles from the mouth, and is one of the largest cities on the Dnieper.

The region may be called the orchard of the Ukraine, producing the finest grapes and peaches. —Reuter.

FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MAY NOT GO TO FRONT

ONE OF THE difficulties of knowing what is happening on the Russo-German battlefront is that neither foreign military observers nor journalists are allowed near the fighting line.

As in the last war, the Russians remain fundamentally secretive, with an ingrained dislike of even their best friends seeing what is happening.

They have no desire to conceal what is good or bad, but simply will not permit outsiders to see the front line or to learn their secrets.

They have been very frank about what is happening, neither exaggerating their successes nor minimising their setbacks, but the Americans, along with the British, are anxious for more information.

"There is a lively hope in Washington," cables "The Times" correspondent, "that the time has now come when the Soviet Government will remove its curious and complete restrictions on the movements of American and British observers in Russia, whether they are at the front or elsewhere."

GERMAN "T.T." RIDER NOW PRISONER

HANS SCHROEDER, PEACE-TIME NAZI 'ACE' MOTOR CYCLIST WHO RODE IN THE ISLE OF MAN T.T. RACES, IS NOW A PRISONER IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Flying a Me. 109, he was shot down by a R.A.F. fighter, and taken into the Mess.

There he was recognised by an officer who had seen him riding in the T.T. races. He acknowledged the recognition only reluctantly, but he did not give the Nazi salute.

The German guests had made themselves unpopular in 'the Island' when they 'heiled Hitler' at the prize giving in 1938 and perhaps Schroeder remembered that.

Schroeder used to speak English fairly well, but affected to have forgotten that, too. He admitted however that the Luftwaffe were not enjoying desert fighting. They dislike the British Hurricanes even more than the fine sand which, they complain, perpetually interferes with their engines.

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Inter-Allied Conference Endorses Atlantic Charter

TASK OF REBUILDING EUROPE

THE INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY AFFIRMED AS THE COMMON AIM THAT SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND MATERIALS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE POST-WAR NEEDS OF COUNTRIES LIBERATED FROM NAZI OPPRESSION.

M. Paul Spaak, Belgian Premier, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia, and the representatives of General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to cooperate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr. Eden explained that the preamble to the resolution made no mention of His Majesty's Government, or the Governments of Canada, Australia and South Africa, because these Governments are already associated with the declaration.

Mr. Eden said the resolution expressed the general aims for which they were fighting.

It was his conviction that approval by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its influence and would encourage the Allied forces now gathered together to defeat Germany.

The Eight Points

M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of his country, said Free Czechoslovaks who had escaped Hitler and were enjoying the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.

The Eight Points were equally important in their symbolic as in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process for achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

ANY HOPE OF AGREEMENT WITH NAZI GERMANY AND VULGARISING, GOOSE-STEPPING PRUSSIANISM WAS A FUTILE DREAM.

Only after the destruction of this could we establish a peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.

Germany Disarmed

Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression to attain political aggrandisement was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like the Czechoslovaks, had for long been victims of aggression, would have to be considered.

Anglo-U.S. Cooperation

M. Masaryk continued: "Within the future economic structure of the world, as outlined by the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia by access to their fair share of raw materials will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in cooperation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life.

"The Czechoslovak Government is more than ever convinced that the closer cooperation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day have taken up arms against the common foe."

M. Masaryk hoped cooperation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

Point Four

On behalf of Greece, M. Tsouderos approved the resolution.

M. Bech, for Luxembourg, said his Government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"To-day the whole world knows the great English-speaking Democracies are pledged to the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny."

The declaration, he said, had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by the oppressed peoples.

M. van Kleffens, Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point Four of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of a reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of the rule.

Protection Snowball

At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious common effort would be made to that end for the ultimate benefit of all.

M. van Kleffens said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government he was happy to express adhesion to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

"We thank the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of His Britannic Majesty's government in the United Kingdom for having taken this auspicious initiative," he said.

Polish Endorsement

The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczynski, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and that the activities of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten.

He said Poland, which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration, would see that none of the illegal acts perpetrated by the ruthless aggressor would be recognised, and that the Polish population which had been removed from the western parts of Poland would return to their homes and the Germans driven away.

The Polish Minister was confident too that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the principles of the Atlantic Charter. — Reuter.

R.A.F. AWARDS

FLYING OFFICERS WHO DIRECT BRITAIN'S AIR OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST — THE WESTERN DESERT, MEDITERRANEAN AND IRAQ — ARE INCLUDED IN A LIST OF R.A.F. AWARDS ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The list is made up of 112 names and includes three officers and two N.C.O.'s in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Air Marshal Roy Maxwell Drummond, Deputy Air Officer Commander - in - Chief Middle East Headquarters, and Air Vice-Marshal John Henry d'Albiac, Air Officer Commanding in Iraq, become Commpanions of the Order of the Bath. — Reuter.

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Sir Dadiba Merwanjee Dalal, former High Commissioner for India in London, left estate in England valued at £5,000, says Reuter from London.

FADDEN GOVT. SURVIVES BY ONE VOTE

The motion of censure moved by Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, against the Australian Government in Parliament yesterday, was defeated by 32 votes to 31.

Mr. Curtin alleged the use of Government funds amounting to over £3,000 for bribing Union officials.—Reuter.

CONFOUND THEIR KNAVISH TRICKS

Since the days of the last war, when embryo pilots were warned to "Beware of the Hun in the Sun," the German pilots have had a reputation for trickiness. Some of the dodges they employ are fair enough; some definitely of the "below the belt" variety. In this respect the Nazi fliers are neither better nor worse than their compatriots in the other German forces. From fifth columnists to sailors flying false colours; from parachute troops in the uniforms of their enemy to "tourists" and trojan-horse troops playing bands, the Germans dearly love a trick or a disguise. It should have been a German who first said "All's fair in . . . war."

One of the tricks which the Luftwaffe has tried to pull over the R.A.F. is to fly patrols of fighters at sea level, cunningly camouflaged to blend with the sea. The idea is to get beneath British aircraft unobserved, and pull up into an attack from below. Another trick is for a bomber to drop coloured flares when attacked. Sometimes the Hun is signalling to his escort fighters for help, but it may simply be a ruse to "give pause" to the attacker.

Nazi crews sometimes bale out when shot down and dive their apparently empty machine towards the sea. But one member has stayed behind for a while—in order to fire a Parthian shot at the British pilot approaching to witness the end of his victim. Another trick is occasionally to instal a gun on a bomber in an unusual position on an otherwise familiar aircraft. A fighter pilot approaching a known blind spot may perhaps be met with a disconcerting burst of gunfire.

The Italians are not above copying the trickiness of their Axis friends. One dodge is for the ground defences to lie completely "doggo" under a British pilot's air attack, in the hope that he will come down low to take a closer look at the target. This is the signal for heavy and co-ordinated A.A. fire, including short range pom-pom guns.

ORGANISING POOL OF SUPPLIES FOR THE PEACE

THAT IT WAS THE DUTY of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from war to peace, was stressed by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, at yesterday afternoon's resumption of the Allied Conference at St. James' Palace.

Mr. Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German aggressors have been removed.

It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet in London now.

Preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export surpluses.

Another committee of officials under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the Government's Chief Economic Adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

Estimates of Needs

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to build up a store for their own country and the Polish and Belgian Governments had prepared preliminary memoranda on their countries' estimated requirements.

The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr. Eden said that the framing and co-ordination of estimates must take account of the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted. Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last at least two years after the war.

Bureau Proposed

Mr. Eden said that the resolution he would propose provided for the establishment of a bureau which would report to an Inter-Allied Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential foodstuffs were even now accumulating in those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war.

It was known that the United States Government were deeply interested in planning for coordination of stocks and marketing of some of the most important commodities, especially wheat and cotton.

"The statement which they have authorised me to make shows they will not be unwilling at the right time to join in framing plans for the supply of Europe's needs on the basis of cooperation," said Mr. Eden.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BANS SUPPLIES TO SWITZERLAND

BRITAIN HAS WITHDRAWN the facilities for the passage of blockaded industrial materials to Switzerland as a consequence of the latter's commercial agreement with Germany.

The official announcement in London yesterday stated: "In view of the commercial agreement recently signed between Switzerland and Germany, the British Government is no longer able to continue the limited facilities hitherto accorded for the passage through the blockade and across enemy territory of materials for Swiss industry.

"The Government, however, appreciates the difficulties of Switzerland's position and will continue to give facilities within reasonable limits for the import into Switzerland of foodstuffs and fodder and of certain other goods exclusively destined for domestic consumption."

OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON DECLARED THE MOVE WAS NOT AN ACT OF RETALIATION, BUT SIMPLY RECOGNITION OF A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH EXISTS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE SWISS OR OF BRITAIN.

It is believed that the Swiss understand the position. — Reuter.

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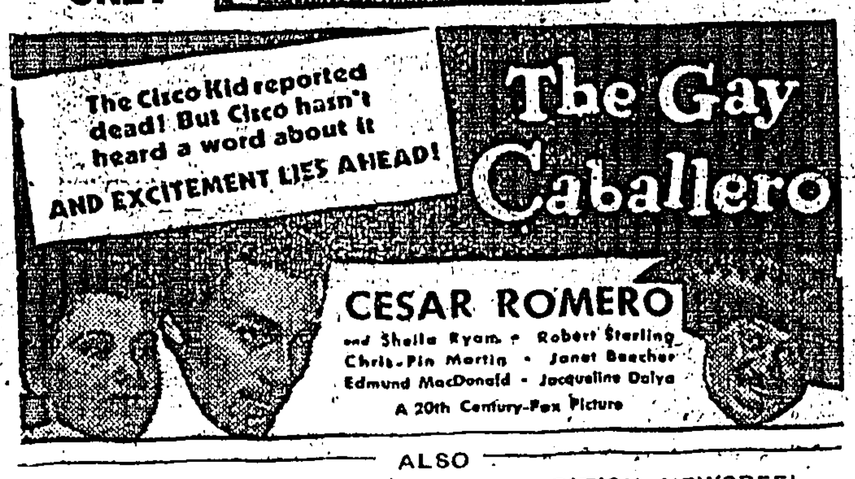

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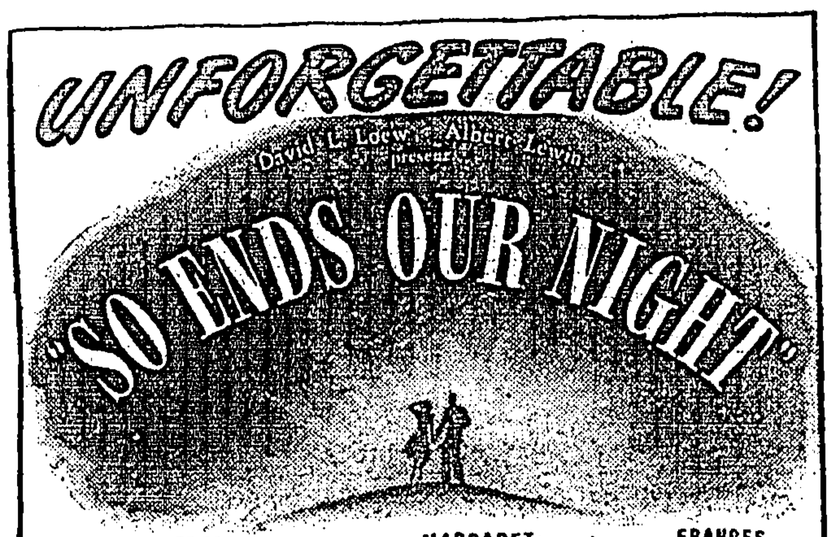

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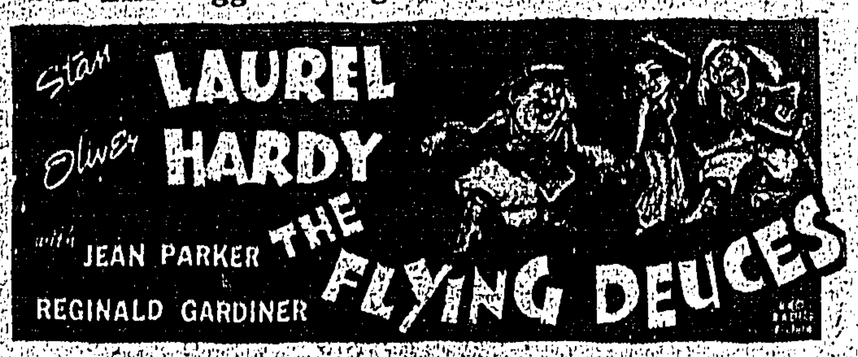

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VIRTUAL REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT TO BESOUGHT NEXT WEEK

IT WAS STRONGLY INDICATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL REQUEST VIRTUAL REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT NEXT WEEK.

It is reported that Administration officials are urging the President to recommend also the elimination of the provisions preventing U.S. ships entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Predicting that the Neutrality Act will be amended in important respects, Senator Connally added it might be completely repealed except that it carries some desirable provisions, such as Government control over munitions exports.

The supposition that if American ships remain out of combat zones they are free from attack had proved illusory, said Senator Connally, citing the "Robin Moor" and "Greer" as examples.

He added that "If the Nazis are to attack our ships wherever they are found there is no reason why we should continue to observe combat areas.

"Under the law of nations our ships have the right to go anywhere on the high seas," he declared.

The arming of American merchantmen was "desirable," he concluded.—Reuter.

White House Statement

THERE IS NO REASON WHY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOULD NOT MAKE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK HIS DECISION OF ARMING MERCHANTMEN AND REVISION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, HIS SECRETARY, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Early said the White House had received no hints that a filibuster (delaying tactics) might be used by opponents in Congress to prevent revision of the Act.—Reuter.

THREE N.C.O.S TOOKSIDON

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

An Australian sergeant-major, a sergeant and a corporal "captured" Sidon from the Vichy forces, and formed a three-man army of occupation for four and a half hours before the town officially capitulated to the Allies.

When the first British armoured vehicles broke through the last French line and raced towards the Vichy G.H.Q. they found the three grinning Australians already in charge there, with the French staff under arrest and Vichy soldiers and local government officials lined up outside to welcome our troops.

Describing this amazing climax to a grim four-day battle, the goorlie gold miner, said: "It was as much a surprise to me as it was to the French when I found we were the first Britons to enter the town.

"We had been sent out early on Sunday morning with a small column of men to harass Sidon's fierce defences on the eastern flank, and we were in position shortly before dawn. I had been told to keep the Vichy troops busy while the main attack began from the front.

"As soon as our artillery went into action from the south, we began peppering the French from the flank. The French sent out a patrol to mop us up. Then we were in the thick of some high old fighting.

Got Separated

"They came at us from every angle. We were forced to make a hurried withdrawal, and, in the confusion, the sergeant, corporal and myself got separated from the rest of the troops.

"The noise of the guns died, and I said to my companions, 'It looks as if the battle is over. The boys must be in already. How about going down to meet them?' So we scrambled down the mountain-side. Fifteen minutes later we were marching down Sidon's market street.

"I thought it strange that we did not see any of our troops about, so I went up to a Lebanese and asked him where the Australians were. He said, 'They're still outside the town.' I asked: 'Haven't you surrendered yet?' and he replied 'Not yet'.

"Even as we spoke there was a tremendous rattle of machine-gun fire and the roar of field guns. With that battle in progress it was useless trying to get back, so after a conference we decided to bluff it out."

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END OF U.S. SEAMEN'S STRIKE

President Roosevelt's statement on Tuesday that merchantmen tied up in ports by labour dispute "have got to move," is apparently bearing fruit.

The Seafarers' International Union called membership meetings yesterday morning to discuss the release of 25 tied up vessels which, in the words of the Union leader John Hawk, was "the sensible thing to do."

Mr. Hawk advised putting men back on board the ships, releasing the vessels and then "letting the Mediation Board handle the dispute."

Sailors of the Pacific Union which had tied up three vessels in New York harbour announced their membership had voted on the release of the vessels at 5 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday.

Called Off

The Seafarers' International Union has called off the 11-day strike pending the outcome of negotiations between the shipowners and the National Defence Mediation Board.—Reuter.

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EX-SHAH GOING TO ARGENTINE

The ex-Shah of Iran has left Kerman en route to the Argentine, says the Iran news agency quoted in a Reuter message from Teheran this morning.

The report added that the ex-Shah left in the direction of Bandar Abbas and is to pass through India on his way to the Argentine.—Reuter.

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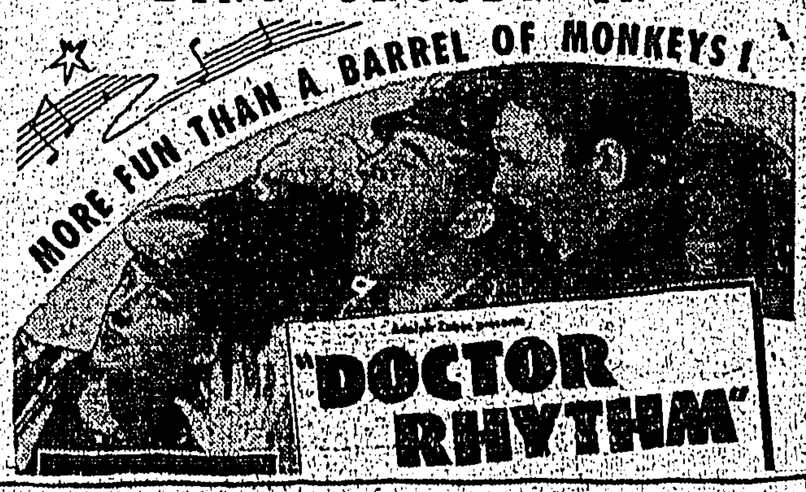

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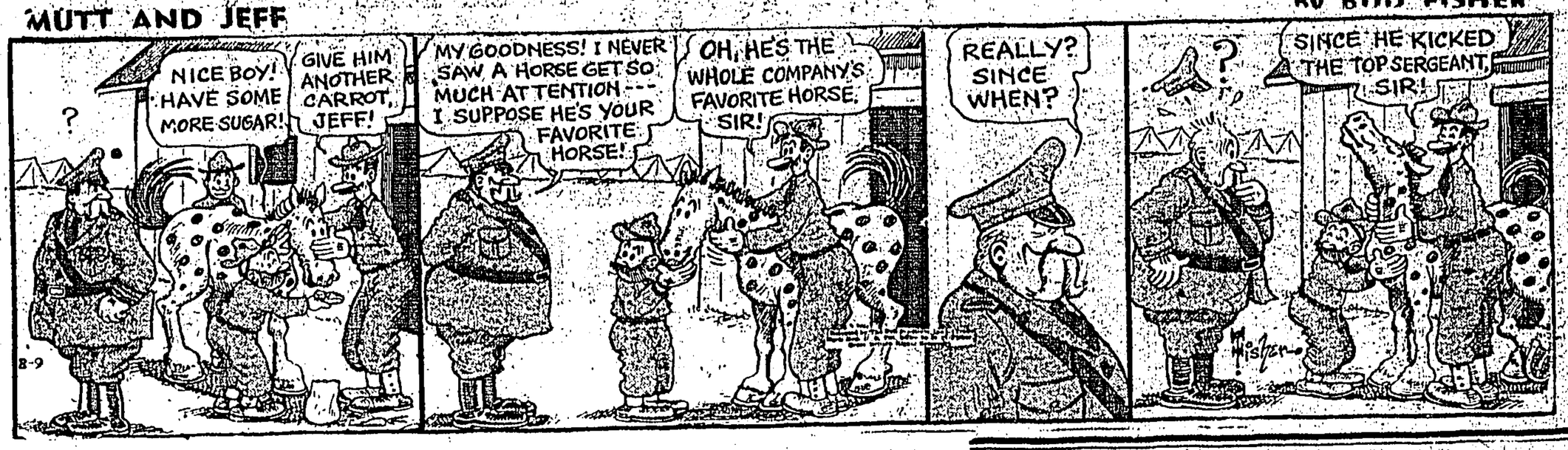

"LATE ARRIVALS" CLUB

A club, exclusive as it is unique, has just been formed in the Western Desert. It is called "The Late Arrivals Club" and the members are a small body of fliers who have been shot down in action and have, through initiative and courage, managed to elude the enemy and gain the safety of their own lines.

The members include a D.S.O. and many D.F.C.'s. There are one or two Free Frenchmen eligible, and at least three South Africans. Some members are doubly eligible having thwarted the enemy on more than one occasion. The "Late Arrivals" sport a badge designed in blue and white enamel, and consisting of a winged flying boot signifying that most members of the club have walked back from behind the enemy lines.

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BELGIANS "SEE" OUR ARMY

Photographs of the British Army are being reproduced in secret newspapers circulating in Belgium and are heartening the population, says the Free Belgian News Agency.

MASSED GUNS ON COAST AWAIT INVADERS

(From L. MARSLAND GANDER)

BRITAIN'S COASTAL batteries, strengthened and improved immeasurably since Dunkirk days, are preparing a devastating welcome for invaders. I have just seen a night shoot by six-inch guns that are the first line of our island defence.

While bombers bound for Germany throbbed overhead, shore searchlights picked up moving target representing the bows and stern of an enemy transport. The first gun fired; then, still dazzled and deafened in the battery observation post, I saw the shell land amidships on the target.

There was a chorus of "Good shot!" from a little group of Royal Artillery officers. Afterwards the guns spoke seven times more and secured three direct hits at 3,500 yards.

Even in these days of airborne menace, the guns are massing along the coast in the expectation that one of the enemy's main efforts will be over the sea. I have spent some days as the guest of a special coast regiment of the Royal Artillery which guards a stretch of shore. Behind the monster coastal guns are lines of field artillery.

"Romeo" and "Juliet"

These coastal batteries lurk in the neglected gardens of empty seaside villas, among woods and in many unsuspected places. Meanwhile under ingenious camouflage that gives the green and brown landscape new contours the work of building more emplacements goes on. So "Romeo," "Juliet," "Ickle Gel," and many another steel giant nicknamed by the gunners, goes into position to lie in wait.

A naval officer who cooperates with the Royal Artillery in this section of the coast discussed with me the problems of invasion and defence.

The Nazis would need a week of fine weather, he said. Despite the best efforts of the Navy, we must expect the Germans to land considerable forces, regardless of loss.

This naval officer believes that in these islands air action and landing of airborne troops could not produce any decisive result, and that the Germans must still rely on sea transport for the heavy equipment they would need. Nevertheless, air possibilities have not been neglected.

Life by the English seaside in 1941, is a strange experience. Where the holidaymakers used to sunbathe, the gunners off duty form exclusive bathing parties on the mined and wired beaches. The regimental concert party, with a surprising show of talent, takes the place of the professionals.

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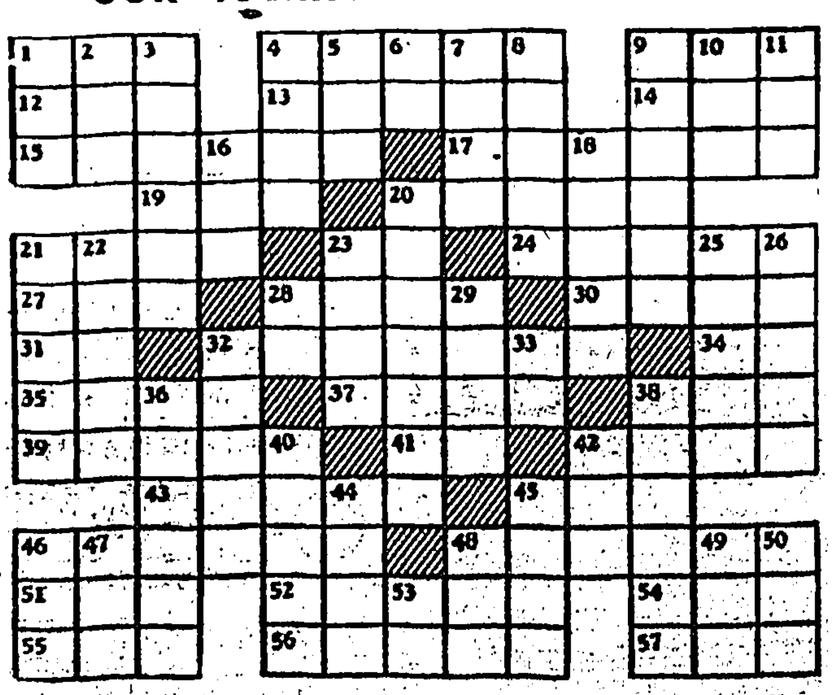
HOW AN "AUSSIE" JOINED THE R.A.F.

Among the pilots operating with a Fighter Squadron of Hurricanes named after the State of Hyderabad is an Australian.

Born in a small town in Western Australia he worked as a bank clerk in Melbourne for several years. From childhood he was intensely interested in flying, and for several years he piloted civil aircraft in Australia. When his bank refused to give him a day's leave to see the finish of the Mildenhall—Melbourne air race in 1934, he decided literally to "hand in his cheque."

Paying his own fare he sailed for England, and early in 1936 joined the Royal Air Force. Now he records credits and debits of a different sort.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To drink
4 Poisonous plant
9 Moisture
12 Ostrichlike bird
13 To track game
14 Constellation
15 French revolutionary hero
17 Teutonic deities
19 To plunge
20 Sounds having rhythm and melody
21 Shield
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 Occurrence
27 Craft
28 Difficult
30 Great Lake
31 Artificial language
32 Bombast
34 110
35 To soothe
37 Considerate
38 Sunken fence
39 To eject in a jet
41 By
42 Greek god
43 Toast
45 Aged
46 To introduce
48 To consume
51 To regret
52 Twilled worsted fabric
54 By birth
55 Being
56 Vegetable
57 Attempt

VERTICAL
1 Guided
2 Chalice
3 Learned teacher
4 To desist
5 Vase
6 Colloquial: mother
7 Japanese aborigine
8 Stifling
9 Terpsichorean
10 Silkworm
11 Conflict
16 Poetic contraction
18 Split
20 Pertaining to an army
21 Noblemen
22 Aggregation
23 Undertaking
25 Recess
26 State
33 Chinese measure
29 Force
32 Flounder
33 Paid notice
36 Killed, wounded, or captured soldiers
38 Passionate
40 Human trunk
42 High mountain
44 Solar disc
45 Beasts of burden
46 Anger
47 Sister
48 The self
49 Biblical name
50 Tunisian ruler
53 Japanese measure

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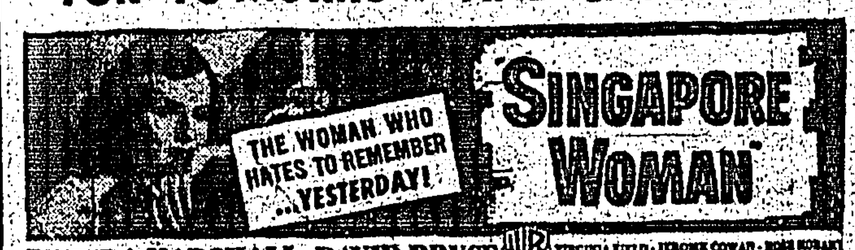

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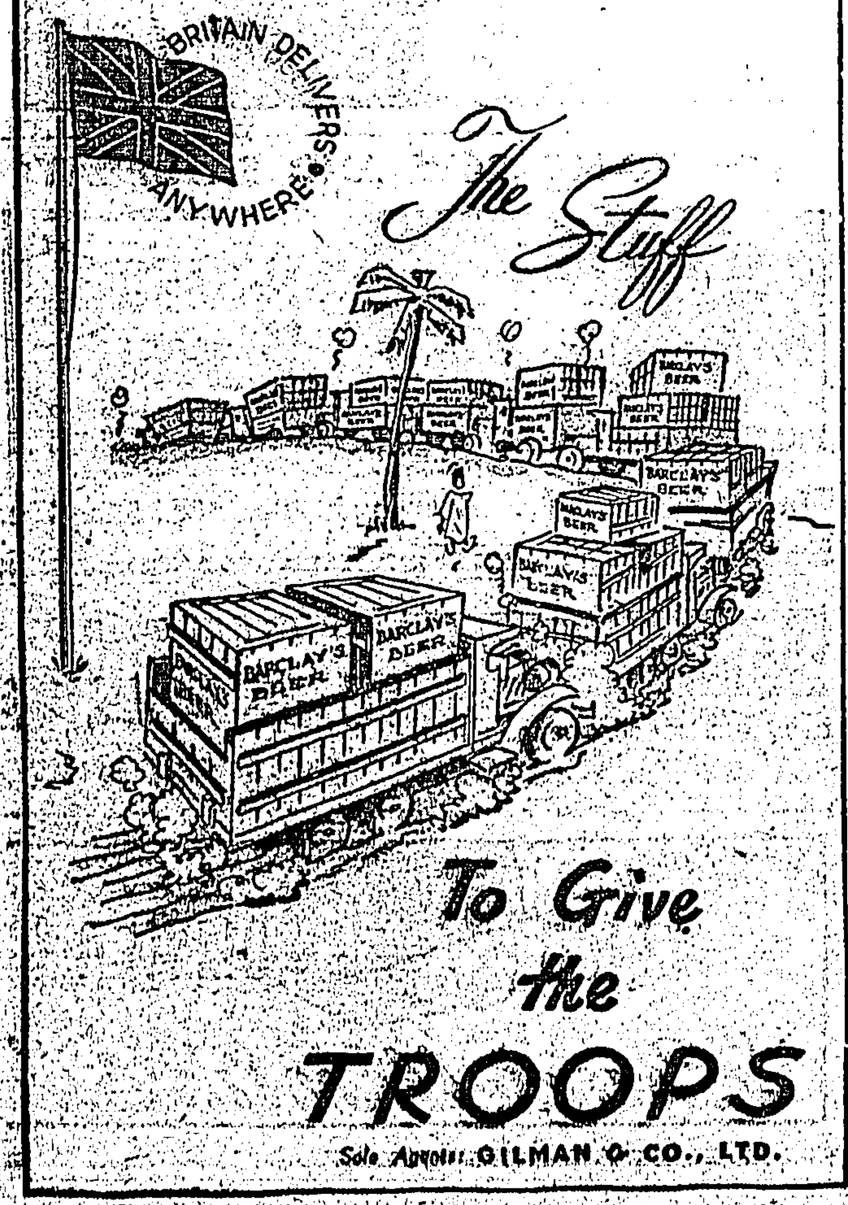

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WIDESPREAD UNREST IN JAPAN

SOME DAYS AGO PRINCE KONOYE INFORMED THE JAPANESE PEOPLE THAT THE COUNTRY IS FACING THE GRAVEST CRISIS IN ITS HISTORY. IT IS CURIOUS TO REFLECT THAT THE FULL GRAVITY OF THAT CRISIS IS PROBABLY LESS REALISED BY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD, DECLARED A SPEAKER OVER STATION XGDN IN SHANGHAI.

It is hardly possible for anybody who has not lived in Japan, especially during the past four years, to have any idea of the state of ignorance concerning current events in which the Japanese people are deliberately kept.

Both press and radio are under complete control. In regard to the latter, no short wave is allowed and the wave band for all private radios is limited from 200 to 500 metres. The people therefore are compelled to listen to local broadcasting stations only, and practically all telegrams giving news of the world situation originate from Rome or Berlin.

During the first two years of the China incident the Japanese air was loaded with stories of almost fantastic victories over the Chinese which, to some extent, accounts for the present discontent of the people. For, say they, if our military forces have been so uniformly marvellously victorious, why does this wretched incident drag on year after year and our personal lives become more and more uncomfortable?

The same reasoning is now going on in regard to the European war, since the beginning of which they have been fed on Berlin telegrams and the Goebbellings of the D.N.B. and Transocean news agencies. In other words the people of Japan are beginning to realise that the news as supplied to them is quite untrustworthy! In short that to a large extent they have been deliberately lied to.

Simple Folk

Yet it must be remembered that a very large proportion of the Japanese people are simple peasant farmers who, in normal circumstances, would blindly accept anything that they heard over their local radio receivers, and it must be admitted that, even now, there are many of these simple folk who regard all that they hear as gospel truth. Yet this again has to be discounted by the large number of soldiers, wounded and otherwise, who have returned to their country homes and who naturally speak in the bosom of their families and tell them just exactly what happened. And so, throughout the whole country, there is indubitably spreading a spirit of unrest and distrust which may easily develop into a very ugly situation for the Government in being.

I suppose most of you who are listening recall the famous incident of February 26, 1936, when a rebel group of the Army in Tokyo made an attempt at a coup d'etat which, through prompt action, was nipped in the bud and resulted in the death sentence being passed on the young ringleaders. Though the subsequent inquiry into this abortive effort was conducted mostly in camera, yet enough information emerged to show that the Army itself was, far from being united, actually full of divisions and groups, to the great detriment of both discipline and efficiency.

This fact may perhaps have some connection with the interminable dragging out of the China incident.

In Japan, however, there is one group in particular which is recognised as being the most united, the most powerful, and the most formidable because the most daring and outspoken of all—the extremists of the extreme right. Yet it is certainly the smallest. Its existence is well known to all the people and it has somehow failed to gain their confidence. Open criticism in Japan has for a long time been entirely suppressed, which is symptomatic of the unhealthy condition of the body politic. But in private it is a very different matter.

Not Wide-Minded

It is this group alone that has brought Japan into the position which Prince Konoye described as the gravest crisis in its history. It has done so in the following manner. Like most bigotted extremists, the members of this group, though often of high rank, are not wide minded and they proved themselves to be perfect tools in the hands of the Nazis. Gladly they adopted methods that had been so successful in Germany, particularly in getting control of the press and in organising a spy system.

In this they were assisted by specially-imported members of the Gestapo. But it has been through the press that they have made their influence mostly strongly felt. They have, in this regard, followed Hitler's advice as outlined in "Mein Kampf" and brought to perfection by Goebbels "If you lie, let it be a big lie, and repeat it over and over again, and the people will at last believe it."

The latest attempt to follow out this method is the word "encirclement." Of course if the Japanese people were allowed to think for a moment they would realise not only the falsity but also the stupidity of this idea. In actual fact, since the Russo-Japanese war thirty-seven years ago Japan has not been attacked or threatened by any country. There has been no encroachment beyond the boundaries of the supposedly encircling countries during all that time.

The Russian-Manchurian border remains where it was; China has not moved and Hong Kong and the Malay states with Singapore have always been stationary.

There has been no movement which might cause the smallest apprehension either from the Dutch East Indies or the Philippines. In fact Japan is now in precisely the same position vis-a-vis these countries as she has been for so many years past.

When we think of the Japan of fifteen or ten years ago, the happy, smiling and contended people living within their incomes which, though by no means large, were well sufficient for their needs, going about their daily work in quiet happiness, there was then no cry of "encirclement." It is, of course, as everybody knows, nothing but a parrotlike echoing of Hitler from two years ago, and the circumstances in both cases were much similar.

"Encirclement"

In a certain sense every individual, as every country, is encircled by neighbours. But it is not usually a cause of complaint so long as neighbourly feeling is continuing. If this ceases to exist it is not generally difficult to find the one responsible for changing those neighbourly feelings into one of dislike and suspicion.

We have seen how the "encircling countries" around Japan have in no way interfered with her for many many years, and so this present uncomfortable feeling of "encirclement" can only come from within her own consciousness. In other words, it is not the circumstances of the circle that is contracting upon her, but that she is trying to press from within against that circumference. In fact it is a tacit admission of an aggressive policy.

But, as we noticed before, the Japanese people are now by no means so gullible as they were four years since.

They know precisely from whom these "catch words" originate, and regard them with the suspicion that these years of false information would naturally engender.

They look back with longing on their lives of so short a time ago and bitterly regret their own supineness which enabled this small group to gain such power and thereby lead them into the sorry existence which they now have to endure. But there is no doubt at all that the people of Japan are becoming more and more politically conscious and that this group of high placed extremists will be most unpleasantly surprised when, for the wind which they have so lightheartedly sown, they have to reap so tremendous a whirlwind.

GERMAN'S SABOTAGE CALL TO GERMANS

Over Moscow radio Michel Niederkirchner, who in peace time had a job in a Berlin steel factory, broadcast to Berlin steelworkers a call to sabotage Nazi war production.

"Remember, friends," he said, "each cartridge which does not explode is a shot into the heart of Hitler."

GIRL AT SEA ON A TUBE

A girl, 18, was rescued after drifting in the Atlantic for sixteen hours on an inflated inner tube.

"My father had often warned me that it was sinful to bathe in a short costume, so I got what I deserved," she said after being picked up by a steamer.

The girl, Eleanor Waldonddo, daughter of a minister, was swept out to sea off the New Jersey coast.

"During the entire sixteen hours I just sat on the tube praying for forgiveness and asking to be saved," Eleanor said.

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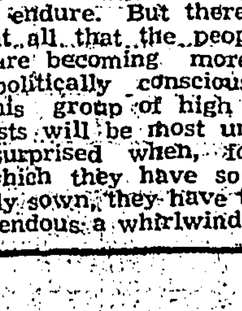

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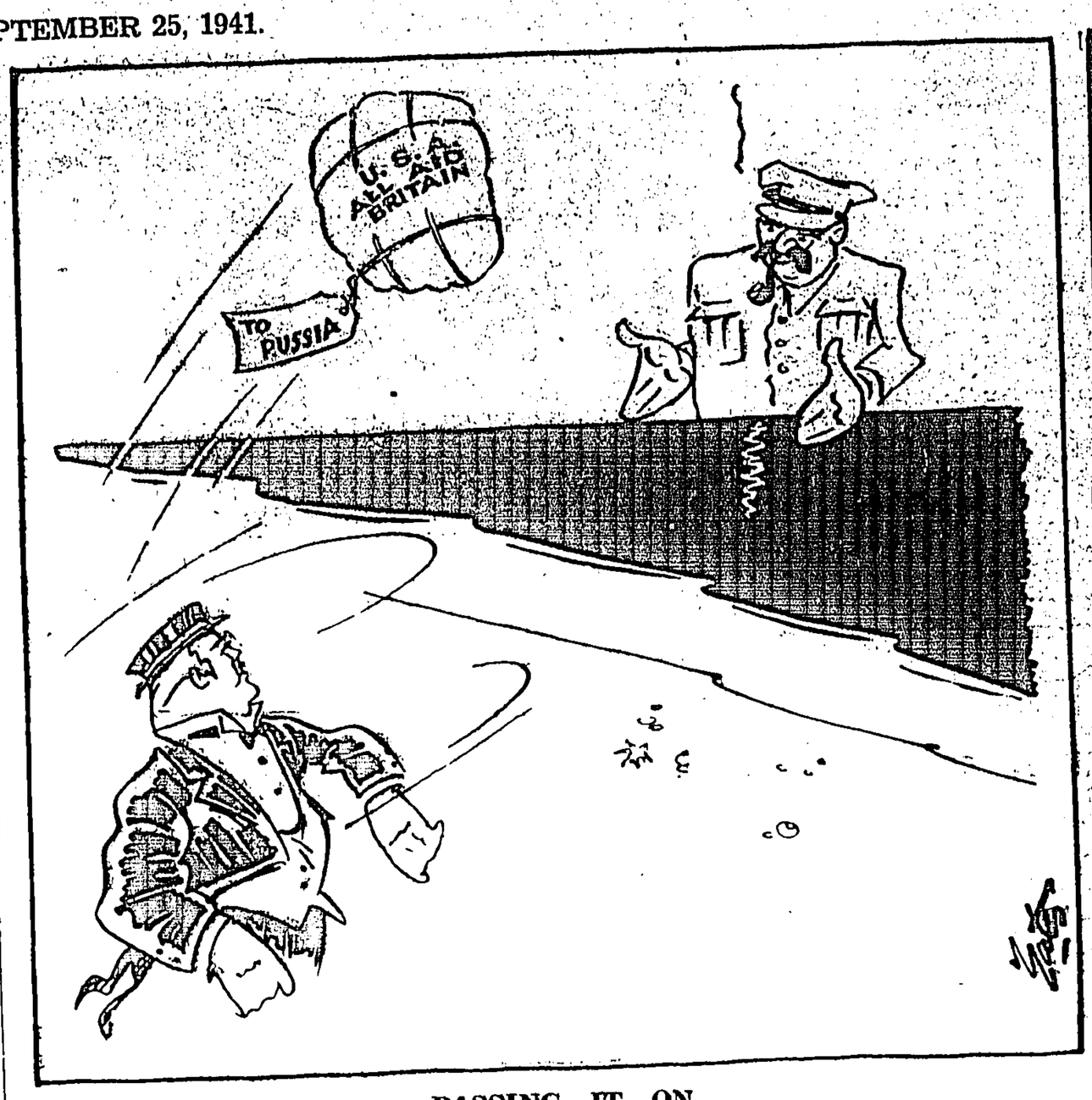
CLIPPING THE EAGLE

"Never was an eagle known to swim!" Such was the taunt of the Baltic city of Stralsund three centuries ago, when an Imperial army failed to reduce it. Sea-power preserved Stralsund; and to-day, if the moulting season has reached the Berchtesgaden eyrie unexpectedly, British sea-power has something to do with it. Ranging the waters with bombs in its claws, the Nazi eagle was tempted to believe that webbed feet had gone out of fashion. That was a mistake. Sea-power has survived the threat from long-range bombers. It has survived in relentless struggle the threat from U-boats beneath the surface. It has survived "secret weapons" such as the magnetic mine, new craft such as the small, fast E-boat, new tactics such as massed air attacks on ports. In just two years of a war for which Britain was woefully unprepared, her ships both naval and mercantile have also met and thrown back the challenge of the Axis fleets. And now British sea-power faces undismayed the possibility that a new, a numerous and an unnecessary enemy may wantonly present itself in the Pacific. On her fleet Britain knows she can rely in any war.

"For safety," wrote Coke in the 17th century, "they are the most defensive walls of the realm.' If many people, some of them in responsible positions, placed too much emphasis on that word defensive in the first few months of the war, the attitude was never fully shared by the fighting services. For the Navy offence in any situation, whether outnumbered or outgunned, has always been the secret of successful defence. In the air it has been 'plane for 'plane and bomb for bomb until now the R.A.F. has soared to mastery of the daylight air, has clipped the wings of the Nazi night-birds, and thrust back the front over enemy territory. The army, chained at first to the French system of passive defence, has since shown wherever the opportunity was given it a bold initiative which one day will be repeated on a larger scale much nearer to the eagle's nest.

The German eagle has a number of disguises. Cooing like a dove in times of difficulty has become second nature to it, and doubtless that somewhat gutteral rencule-ment will be turned on again in the final hour of Nazi defeat. But it was at a time when a particularly insidious appeal for a breathing-space was being made, in the last summer of last year, that Sir Robert Vansittart reminded us of the vicious habits of the German butcher-bird. The brain-fever-bird also figures in the repertory, as third-degree diplomacy to weaken potential Nazi victims abundantly testifies.

And finally the tactics of the cuckoo have long been the subject of serious study in Berlin. Iran is by no means the first foreign nest to have suffered the laying of German eggs, but its geographical situation made the situation thus provoked one of peculiar peril to India and her western neighbours. The destruction of the Nazi brood was a duty clearly laid upon Britain and her Russian ally, and they have refused to be diverted from it.



PASSING IT ON.

"Eagles" Of The R.A.F.

It is, of course, impossible to state exactly how many Americans are now flying Spitfires and Hurricanes from British bases. But an indication of the number who would like to was given in New York as long ago as March.

Then, it was stated that since July, 1940, 3,000 American pilots had applied to join the R.A.F. and the Canadian Air Force.

Nearly every man of those accepted asked for a chance to "have a smack at the Nazi" from the cockpit of a fighter 'plane, but a large proportion had to be content with less spectacular jobs. Instructing in Canada claimed some hundreds. Others took on the responsible job of ferrying American 'planes across the Atlantic or from factory to airfield in Britain.

The "cream" of the volunteers found themselves with commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, a spread-eagle badge on the right arms of their uniforms, and a proud tradition dating from the last war to live up to.

For the Squadron was formed last October under the honorary command of Colonel Charles Sweeney, veteran of many campaigns, and organiser of the Escadrille Lafayette of American fliers which, during the war of 1914-18 brought down 99 German 'planes.

Ideal Leader

The actual Commanding Officer of the Eagle Squadron is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, son of a U.S. army officer, ex-member of the U.S. Naval Air Service, ex-airline pilot.

By A.P. Luscombe Whyte

Taylor is an ideal man for the job. He came to the Squadron with ample experience of wartime flying. Finding himself in England at the outbreak of war, he promptly resigned from the U.S. Marine Reserve. Then he joined the Fleet Air Arm, and served in the aircraft carriers Glorious, Argus and Furious, later transferring to the R.A.F.

During the first year of war the number of American volunteers in the R.A.F. increased to such an extent that it was decided to form an entirely separate squadron, manned and commanded by Americans.

So, just about at the height of the Battle of Britain, the Eagle Squadron had its badge approved by the King.

Among the "foundation members" of the Squadron was every type of flier. Amateurs, airline pilots, "crop dusters" (the men who prevent disease from spreading among crops by spraying them with insecticides from the air), stunt pilots and parachutists, ex-Army and Navy fliers, a film star's secretary, a finance house worker. Many had given up good jobs in their eagerness to fight.

In a recent contingent was 30-year-old P. Ward, pilot-owner of a small Tennessee airline, who had sold up his business to join up; John Coen, ex U.S. Army pilot, who had resigned his job as a school-teacher; Bill Hall, "bush pilot" from Alaska who found the world's hardest flying country insufficiently exciting; and 19-year-old G. A. Daymond, already experienced as a "crop duster" in South Africa and South America, now the Squadron's youngest fighter.

All the volunteers arrive in Britain as experienced fliers, some with hundreds of hours' flying behind them. Still, they need training as fighters, although they do not have to undergo the four gruelling stages of training which are needed to turn an inexperienced lad into an R.A.F. pilot.

So keen are Americans that several have dived after Nazi raiders while still in the training stage. It was on such a flight, in bad, cloudy weather, that one of the first Eagle pilots lost his life. He was 23-year-old E. E. Orbison from Oklahoma, described as "a really brilliant pilot—a 'natural'."

He spotted a Nazi 'plane before he had been in the air five minutes. Instead of diving away to safety, as he was fully justified in doing, he waded in to tackle the far more experienced enemy.

The Americans' keenness is exemplified by the story told by another young volunteer who gave up his job in a Hollywood studio to fight in France. After many adventures and setbacks he reached Paris while a heavy raid was in progress, and for the next few weeks he was seldom out of danger.

Paris was evacuated, and with other volunteers, he started a long trek. In crawling, jammed trains, by car and on foot, they made their way to Tours, to Bordeaux, to Bayonne, to St. Jean-de-Luz. Bombed every day, often without food or water, sometimes even starving, they wore their boots off their feet, but their enthusiasm still burned strong.

Fought In Battle

Finally, after a nightmare three-day sea trip with only dog-biscuits to eat, the volunteers reached England.

Here their Embassy produced return tickets to America—but the young volunteers would have none of them. Within a few days, their sheer determination had found them commissions in the R.A.F.

Three of the volunteers were sent to an Officers Training Unit, relates the Hollywood man. Here, after 20 minutes in an advanced trainer 'plane, he was put straight into a Spitfire. Twenty hours' flying in the fighter, and he found himself attached to an R.A.F. station in the south of England for several weeks final training.

That volunteer was just in time for the Battle of Britain. He brought down his first "cert," a Dornier bomber, on September 15, that great day when 185 Nazi 'planes were downed.

That was his second flight. On his first he secured two "probables", but by the strict R.A.F. rules was unable to claim them as kills.

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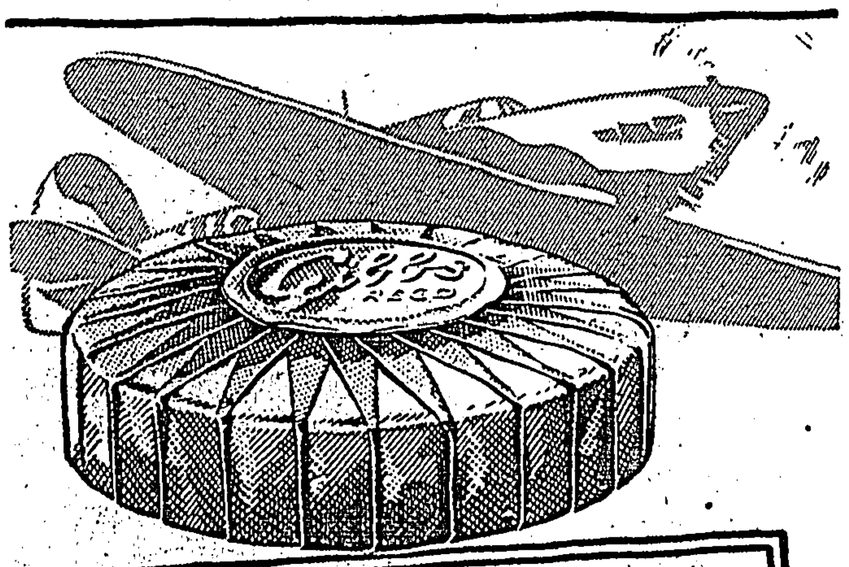

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A NAZI APOLOGIA FOR SLOWNESS IN RUSSIA

A LENGTHY EXPOSE OF GERMAN AIMS ON RUSSIA AND AN EXPLANATORY OUTLINE OF THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF THE GERMAN-SOVIET WAR WAS PUBLISHED IN THE INFLUENTIAL "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG."

The paper reiterated that the military aim of the Germans is to weaken the Soviets in a decisive manner in order that Bolshevism should cease to be a danger for Europe. This aim has been partially achieved.

The fact that German operations in the East are proceeding more slowly than in previous campaigns results from the very nature of this war, the paper added. Germany is now fighting a country whose population is five times greater than that of France, whose expanse is infinitely more vast, and whose political leaders have been making use during the past twenty years of the entire power of the population of 200,000,000 to give a military strength to the revolutionary idea.

Admittance Of Difficulty

"This is why the final campaign Germany has launched on the continent is the hardest, but it is also the biggest job completed when we end this campaign," the "Frankfurter Zeitung" asserted.

"As for the question of knowing who will come out the victor, no informed mind can have any doubt over that to-day," the paper went on. "The first ten weeks of the war revealed that the Soviet army disposed of more troops and war material than any other, also that its resistance was stubborn and tenacious, but these last ten weeks proved, and in a decisive manner, the superiority of German men and arms.

The view supported by the British press that the Russians could gradually fall back behind the Dnieper and then the Volga is false, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" said.

"If the western regions of the Russian empire are of no value, then why don't the Soviets withdraw? Why, do they defend every province and every village in the western and central sectors?" the paper wondered. "The reply is simple. The Russians are compelled to do so for it is in these areas that their principal munitions plants are situated."

Napoleonic Parallel Disagreeable

Asserting that there can be no comparison between the Napoleonic campaign and the present one, and that the Russian winter will actually start within seven or eight weeks only, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" stressed that "never before have we better realised that in this struggle we are fighting to preserve some bourgeois welfare, but that we are faced with an alternative, that of decadence or greatness, annihilation or victory."

"Our defeat would not simply mean the loss of a few provinces, but the material disappearance of millions of souls, a life of misery and slavery for all others," the paper concluded. "The German Army is fighting to-day to prevent subjugation and to open finally the way to a world community. Part of the way has already been covered and the path will be pursued to the end."

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JAPANESE OBJECT TO DUTCH "V"

THE NETHERLANDS CONSULATE-GENERAL IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING AMONG DUTCH RESIDENTS IN KOBE LABELS WITH THE LETTER "V" ON THEM.

These labels posted in the homes and offices of the local Dutch residents were ordered to be removed by the Japanese authorities.

The offending label is about 5 inches wide and 6 inches long with an orange background. In the centre is a black letter "V."

MURDER AS CROWD WATCH

A crowd saw a woman murdered in a busy Leicester street.

Men and women were pouring out of the factories and the roads were thronged.

Among the homegoing workers was Mrs. Nellie Thorpe, 47, a shoe operative.

A man sprang at her, seized her and slashed her throat with a razor.

Women who saw it fainted as the victim screamed and slumped to the ground, to die within a few minutes.

A man was later detained.

Men who rushed to aid the woman when they saw the attack were too late to prevent the murder.

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SOVIET SHIPS TOLD TO TAKE SHELTER

The Berlin official radio announced that instructions have been issued by the Soviet Government to all Soviet ships at present in the China and South Seas to make immediately for the nearest British or Dutch harbour.

Hong Kong and the ports of the Dutch East Indies were mentioned as the main places capable of offering shelter to the Soviet ships.

OUR AIRMEN LEARN GERMAN

Anticipating a lengthy occupation of Germany after the war the R.A.F. are busy learning German.

A recent census showed that 1,300 men and 200 W.A.A.F.s are taking German lessons and, the Air Ministry stated, "the interest is definitely growing."

ROW FROM AFRICA TO AID FIGHT

"All our interned pals want to escape, too. Believe us, there's plenty more where we came from."

Three young Danish deckhands said that on arrival at a West of England port to join the Danish Merchant Navy pool after a grim, adventurous voyage from Northern Africa in a battered old rowing boat.

They took turns to snatch sleep in twenty-minute spells as they rowed for their lives and their liberty.

On the fifth day at sea they were sighted by a British patrol off Gibraltar and taken ashore.

Ninth Attempt

They were tired, famished and almost collapsing, but they had won their battle to reach British territory, and from Gibraltar they later worked their passage to Britain.

Between them they had made eight previous attempts to escape from internment.

"We want to sail under Britain's flag, and so we're now taking a gunnery course. Soon we hope to go to sea again and shoot a few Nazi 'planes down."

NAZIS ATTACK NAZIS ON RADIO

A NEW SECRET POWERFUL German broadcasting station, broadcasting daily on the 31 metre band, is believed to be operated from Western Germany by opposition members of the Nazi Party. The up-to-date information of the announcers suggests that the organisation has a strong following and a wide network of informants.

The announcer, "Gustav August I," begins with code messages addressed to many German towns and this, again, indicates a widespread organisation.

The contents of the broadcasts hint that the radio station is directed by old members of the Nazi Party, who are strongly anti-Jewish and anti-Communist and who want the fulfilment of the original party programme. (This programme promised a kind of "Socialism," but was abandoned as soon as Hitler was firmly established in power.)

Every day attacks are made on party leaders for gross immorality and corruption.

Ley's Fire Racket

On one occasion the broadcaster announced a raid on Bremen before the British communique appeared.

It claimed that the Nazi leaders, travelling in cars, were the first to leave the city.

It also claimed that Dr. Ley, the Labour Front leader, was a big shareholder in a company which had made colossal profits by compelling Bremen householders to buy its fire-extinguishers.

The volume of these broadcasts is sometimes as powerful as that of the B.B.C.

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WOMEN "BEHIND THE MIKE"

The first women engaged by the B.B.C.'s engineering division have begun training with microphones and other studio and outside broadcasting gear. They produce their own programmes.

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TOYS FOR WAR

Holding a jumble sale of their toys, Shortlands (Kent) children raised £10 and gave half to the Aircraft Fund. The Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges the gift with gratitude.

To the left is a pedestal of three pillars supporting the Crown of the Royal House of Orange Nassau. On the pillars are written the Dutch words "Waakzaam" ("without neglect"), "Werkzaam" (work hard"), and "Weerbaar" ("take to arms"). At the base of the pedestal are the words "De Pilers Van Ons Werel Drijft" (a symbol of world construction).

Radiating glee, gleesome Ginger Rogers does this kettle-drum stunt in practice for a lively episode in her new romantic comedy "Tom, Dick and Harry," with George Murphy, Alan Marshal and Burgess Meredith. Coming to the King's next week.

BRITAIN SAVES 3,000 IN SHIP OF HOPE

(By David Walker)

A FAMOUS LINER has brought safely to Britain the strangest passenger list it ever carried.

It held 3,000 men, women and children of seventeen nationalities who, having suffered from Nazism abroad, will now find refuge in Britain.

When I joined the liner she was known as the "Hellship." Every inch of space was made use of. Our party from Belgrade found itself flung into hammocks or sleeping on floors.

Our experiences in Yugoslavia and Italy were nothing to the tale these men and women had to tell.

Boys Shot

There was a Belgian boy who, with five companions, had escaped on foot from Holland. They walked by night, were hunted through occupied territory, fired on by frontier guards, and given food by friends; but of the six who started, he alone is alive.

Two were killed by Germans in France, and three by a Spanish frontier patrol in the Pyrenees.

There were British Merchant seamen who had been in German prison ships caught by British naval units; there were Tommies and Anzacs from North Africa, and Free Frenchmen, who had risked their lives to get away from Nazism.

Saved By Navy

There were Polish airmen who had escaped from prison in occupied territory, Dutch, Danish and Norwegian sailors, an Englishman from Portugal, and one Chinese, who thought Hitler "a velly bad man."

At my table was a French marine engineer who had had four months in a Spanish prison after getting out of France. The Spaniards had knocked all his teeth out. He wore twelve decorations.

Nearby sat an Englishman in Arab robes with a turban—the only clothes he had left after imprisonment in Morocco.

Among the wounded in hospital, I found a boy with one leg. Torpedoed without warning, he had spent ten days at sea on a raft, and a shark had got him as he trailed his legs in water.

Hundreds came aboard half-starved and penniless.

We were bombed once, and had two submarine attacks, but the Navy saw us through.

As we steamed into a British port, our famous ship was recognised and cheers ashore were quickly answered by our passengers, many of them seeing for the first time the country for which they will fight.

SERGEANT IN R.A.F. POSTER IS MISSING

A young R.A.F. sergeant-observer, whose portrait looks down from the hoardings in a war-time appeal, has been posted missing, believed killed. His name is Ernest John Holland.

His pointing finger gave emphasis to his message: "You can help to build me a 'plane."

LOST TIME, SAYS M.P.

"I don't care what the Prime Minister says, it is perfectly obvious that there is loss of time, labour and money going on, particularly in munition works. Time is being squandered."

Mr. C. T. Culverwell, Conservative M.P. for Bristol W., said this and he had in mind Mr. Churchill's recent complaint that he was "concerned at the effects produced abroad" by the criticism made in the recent two-day debate on production.

"Apt To Slack Off"

He also said:—

"The Government is apt to slack off and not do all that it might."

Mr. Culverwell's criticism of the Government's mining policy follows recent charges in the House of Commons on aircraft production.

Mr. Churchill promised to initiate a third day's debate on production, during which he would make a comprehensive statement.

CRASHED AIR CREW 11 DAYS ADRIFT

Two airmen gave their lives in an unsuccessful effort to save four other R.A.F. men drifting in a dinghy after a forced landing in the Mediterranean.

Three hours later the men in the boat were picked up after being at sea for eleven days.

The survivors, a pilot-officer and three sergeants, are recuperating in hospital.

In their boat they had only one and a half pints of water, nine biscuits, 15 pieces of chewing gum, and some chocolate.

They rationed the water in two teaspoonfuls twice daily.

On the ninth day they were seen by an R.A.F. flyingboat, but a destroyer sent out to rescue them was unsuccessful.

On the eleventh morning they saw on the horizon four British destroyers.

Two of the airmen on board the dinghy plunged overboard and set out on a four-mile swim. They were never seen again.

Eventually the ships vanished out of sight.

It was largely due to the efforts of two Dornier aeroplanes—at one time part of the Yugoslav Fleet Arm, and now attached to an R.A.F. squadron — that they were brought to safety, for three hours later the aeroplanes sighted the dinghy.

A destroyer was summoned and picked up the exhausted men.

SANG TO DOLL AMID RUINS

Eileen Algar, 8, sang to her doll to keep up her spirits when she was buried in the ruins of her home in a raid on an East Anglian coast town.

The sound of her voice guided rescue squads to where she and her parents lay under tons of debris. She was rescued with bruises and a cut leg.

Her first question was if her parents and little friend were saved.

When they were dug out hours later, her parents were dead. An uncle was dug out alive.

Taken to a rescue centre, Eileen said to the matron, "I am all right now aren't I? I was in hospital once and I did not die then so I shall be all right now."

"I cannot remember what I sang," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"The doll I was singing to was in a cot at the end of the bed but I am afraid she is buried and could not get out."

WOMAN ROCKED A TIME-BOMB

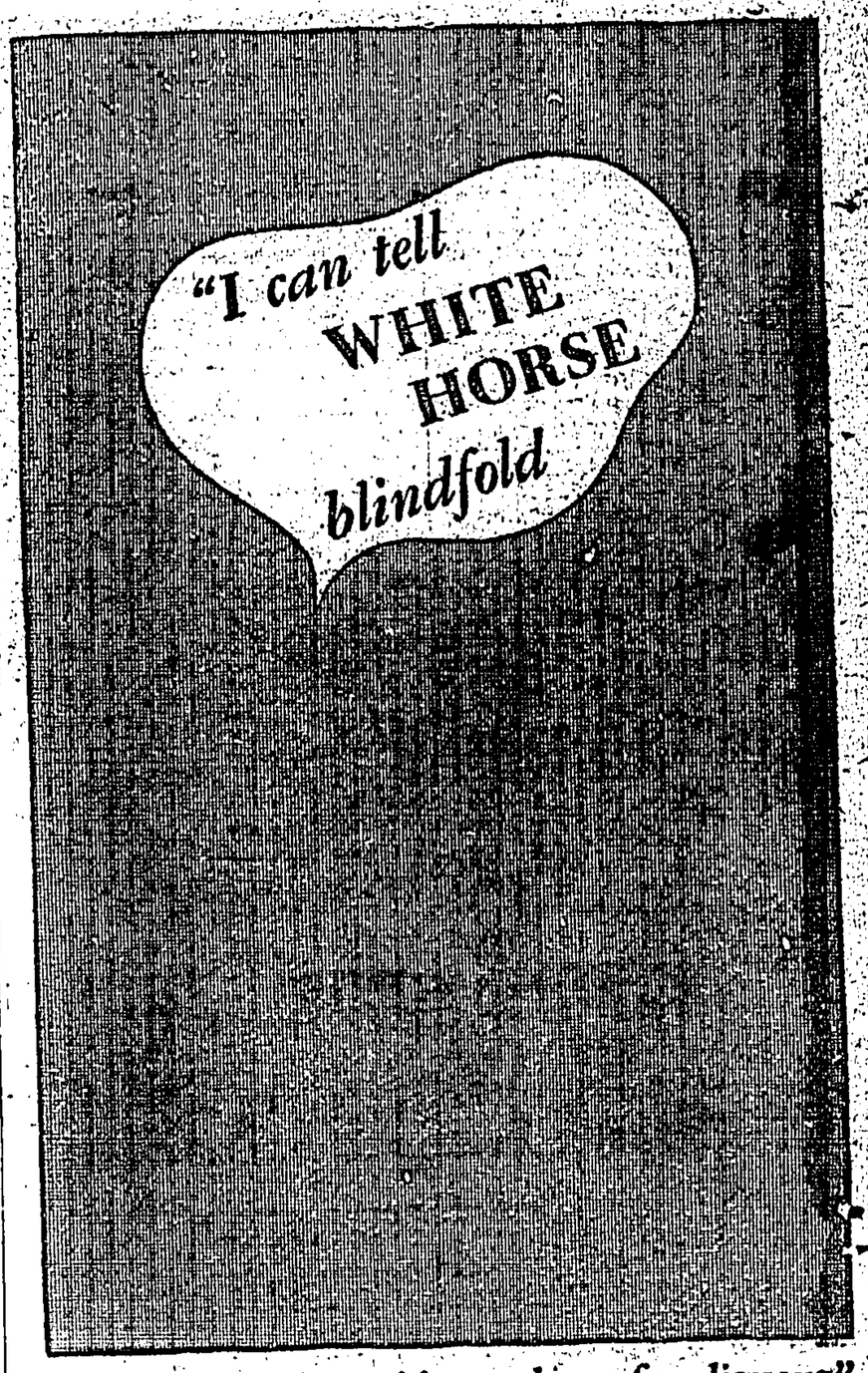
"People seem to have no idea of the potential danger of time-bombs," remarked a chief constable at a South-West England police court.

He said a policeman actually saw a woman walk up to a time bomb, which was lying on the pavement, put her foot on it and rock it.

Another woman, Hettie Mary Symons was fined £1 for defying a policeman and risking a time bomb to enter a cordoned area to feed her cat.

The chief constable said no one wished to be unkind to animals.

This woman, however, not only risked her life by going into the area, but those of others who had to go in after her.



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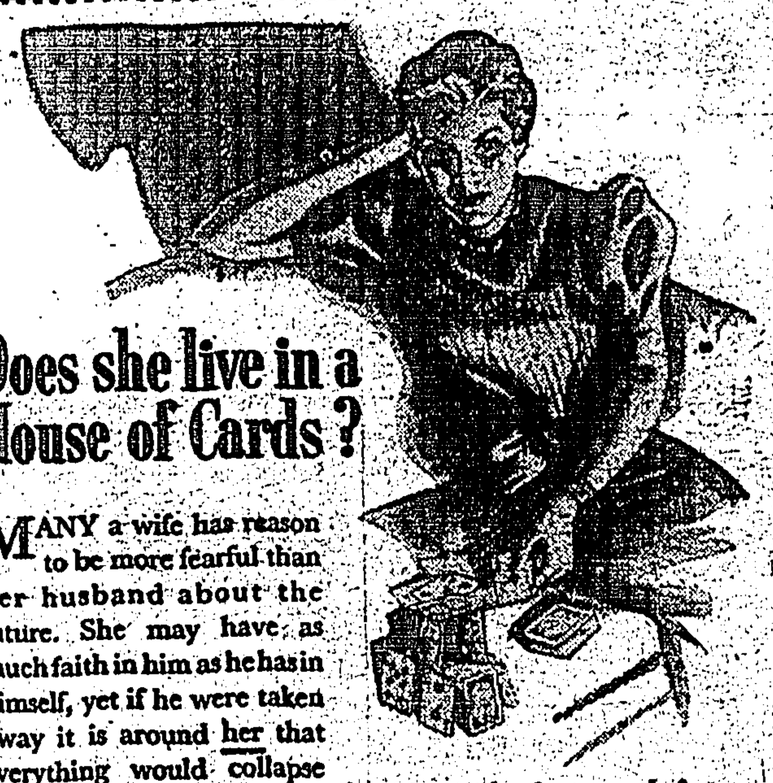

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4321.	Chatham Road and Gillies Avenue between San Wai Street and Pak Kung Street, Hok Un.	As per sale plan				Abou: 37,800	$694	$28,350

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2	Inland Lot No. 644.	Wong Nei Chung Gap Road.	As per sale plan				About 15,200	$174	$4,560

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING
"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets $1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. **Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.**

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING FULL VALUE
By The Four Aces

The summer championships in contract bridge now being played at Asbury Park, N.J., remind us of a hand played there last year. The play illustrates a point of particular importance to tournament players:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ 10 5 4 3
◇ 10 7 3
♣ 8 7 2

WEST	EAST
♠ K Q 2	♠ J 9 8 6
♡ K 9	♡ 8 7 6 2
◇ A Q 4	◇ J 9 2
♣ A J 9 6 3	♣ K 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♡ A Q J
◇ K 8 6 5
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Poor South had a good enough no-trump bid but was unfortunate enough to be caught with a worthless dummy and two strong and aggressive opponents. As the play developed, it soon became apparent to both sides that the East-West cards were strong enough to have produced a vulnerable game but for the turn the bidding had taken.

Now in tournament play, each hand is played at many different tables; and the object at each table is to do better with the cards than was done at any other table. So South, doomed to defeat as he was, was still trying to lose less than the value of a vulnerable game — for that's what the North-South players would probably lose at other tables. And East-West were trying to set South four tricks so as to get more than the value of their vulnerable game.

West opened the six of clubs, East winning and returning the suit. West won the second trick with the Jack of clubs and laid down the Ace, getting the deuce of hearts from East. West then postponed the cashing of the rest of the clubs, shifting to the King of spades.

South wisely refused to win the trick, and refused the next spade lead also. That prevented West from giving the lead to his partner later on with a spade. Now West had to be careful. He cashed his two good clubs, noting that South discarded two diamonds. Thereupon West boldly led the Ace and a low diamond, knocking out South's diamond King. West later got in with the King of hearts to cash the Queen of diamonds for the coveted four trick set.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♡ K Q 9 7 4
◇ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is the normal bid of the higher-ranking suit on a hand which contains two good biddable suits of equal length.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 830

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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10-DAY BAG—4 NAZIS

During the ten days after a Canadian "Wings for Britain" fund Spitfire named "King's Messenger" had joined a famous fighter squadron it accounted for four enemy aircraft.

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The honeymoon is over when the groom discovers money slips through the bride's fingers as easily as it does his own.

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AS THE CREW OF A BOMBER ABOUT TO SET OUT ON ONE OF THE RECENT HEAVY RAIDS ON NORTH WEST GERMANY WERE WALKING TOWARDS THEIR DISPERSAL POINT, THE PILOT SAW HIS GUNNER PICK A FEW POPPIES. HE WONDERED WHAT THE GUNNER WANTED WITH THEM.

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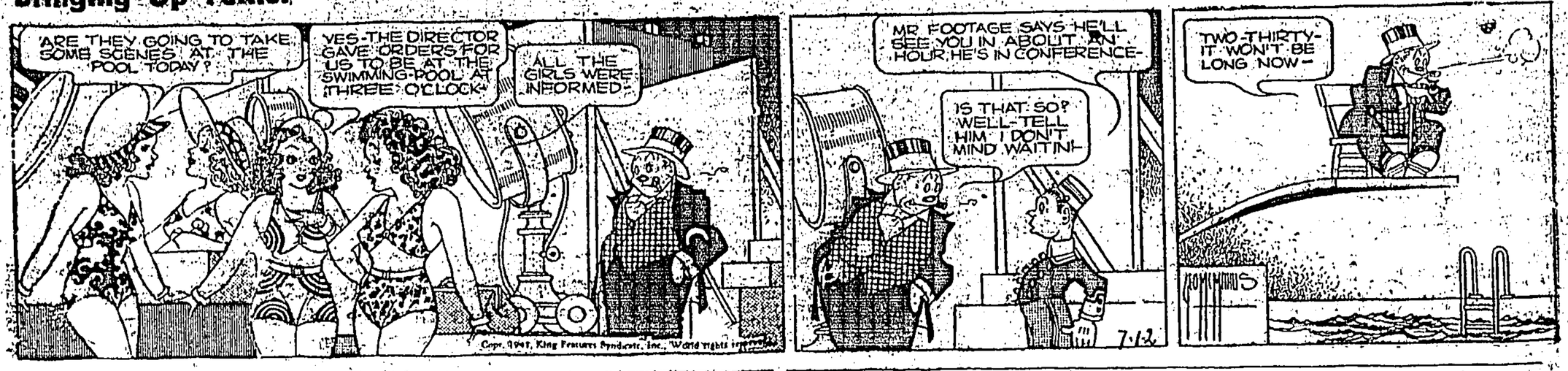

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eat Right Food To Keep Beautiful

Statistics show that as large a percentage of the upper income group are as poorly nourished as those in the lower income group. This is attributed to ignorance of food values and nothing else.

The fad diets of recent years (such as skimmed milk and bananas) are scorned by those working for the public welfare. Beauty of body depends on a properly balanced daily menus — one that supplies vitamins and minerals in plenty — and no woman can continue to be healthy, strong and beautiful on a less scientific eating plan.

Try to include in your meals every day—MILK, 1 pint or more; TOMATOES, ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT, GREEN CABBAGE, RAW SALAD GREENS, 1 or more servings; LEAFY GREEN, OR YELLOW VEGETABLES, 1 or more servings; OTHER VEGETABLES OR FRUIT, 2 or more servings; EGGS 1 a day or at least 3 or 4 a week (you may count those used in puddings and other cooking); LEAN MEAT, POULTRY FISH, 1 or more servings; CEREALS AND BREAD, at least 2 servings of whole-grain products or "enriched" bread; SOME FATS; SOME SWEETS (in moderation — molasses, syrups, honey, jellies, jams, sugars, and desserts); AND SIX OR MORE GLASSES OF WATER, sunshine is vitally necessary to all.

Rare, alluring beauty such as Janet Blair has is only possible if health is up to par.

Good Menus Pay Dividends

Women who complain of general beauty problems such as poor complexions, tired and fading hair, minor aches, breaking fingernails, are really complaining about malnutrition. They may eat hearty meals but those meals may not be well balanced. They may eat what they like and not eat what they should to keep their bodies in good working order.

The right food builds and repairs your body, keeps it in good running order, gives you energy for work and play, helps to prolong your prime of life and is the basis of good health which is, after all, the foundation of beauty.

Impeccable Beauty

There is a tendency on the part of some women, to "let down" too much during summer and early autumn. They feel so full of fresh air and sunshine that they let a lethargy slowly get the best of them and before they know it, their external beauty is in need of much reconditioning.

Time was when college girls and athletic women scorned the details of impeccable grooming. They let their hair fly willy-nilly or screwed it up in an unbecoming tight knot. They refused to hear about the good work of depilatories and the necessity of protecting the skin against the elements. The result was, as you may guess, they looked unlovely and older even though they may have been in the pink of health.

To-day's sportswoman does everything to look her loveliest at all times. Active sports clothes are beautifully cut and tailored. Complexions are kept soft by the protection of creams or lotions. Coiffures are kept in place by becoming sports hats, bandanas or turbans. And a lipstick is as essential to a golfer as her golf balls!

How to confuse your opponent—make your bet and take out your lipstick! While she wonders if you have a full house, improve your poker face with a long-lasting lipstick in sunlight honey—the right shade to accent dude-ranch clothes or play up a fair complexion.

Habit Makes Perfect

As habit makes grooming easy, let me urge all of you to avoid late summer dowdiness. In fact you should be more ravishing at the end of the summer than you were at its beginning! Don't let September find you with faded hair, weather-beaten skin, coarse hands and roughened cuticle. If the heat got you for a time, invest right away in a few inspirational beauty aids such as a tonic for your hair, a reconditioning cream for your skin, a set of exciting new make-up in flattering colours, a new manicure-pedicure set and the loveliest bottle of cologne that your budget will permit. Then indulge an hour or two in a complete clean-up. Experience a self-confidence all over again and go out after what you want! If you like yourself after a good session of grooming you can be assured that others will like you too!

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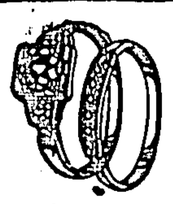
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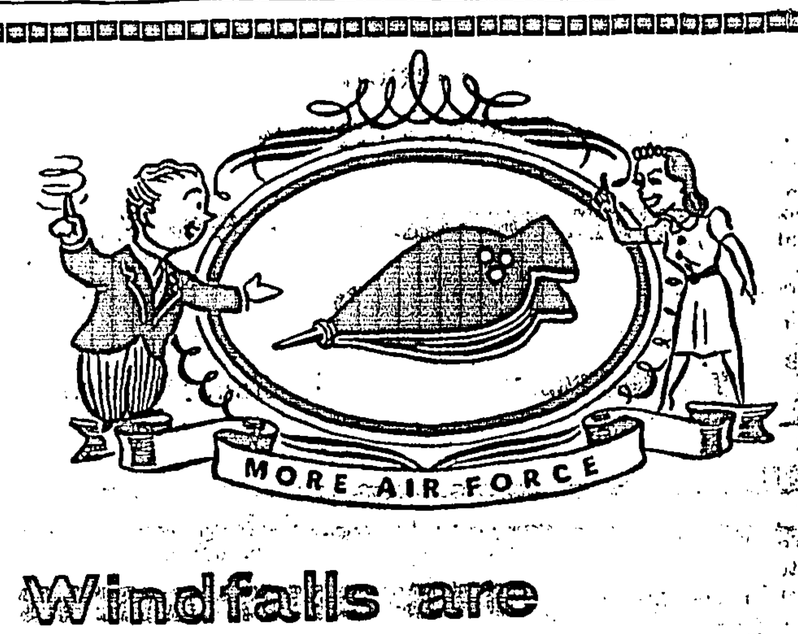

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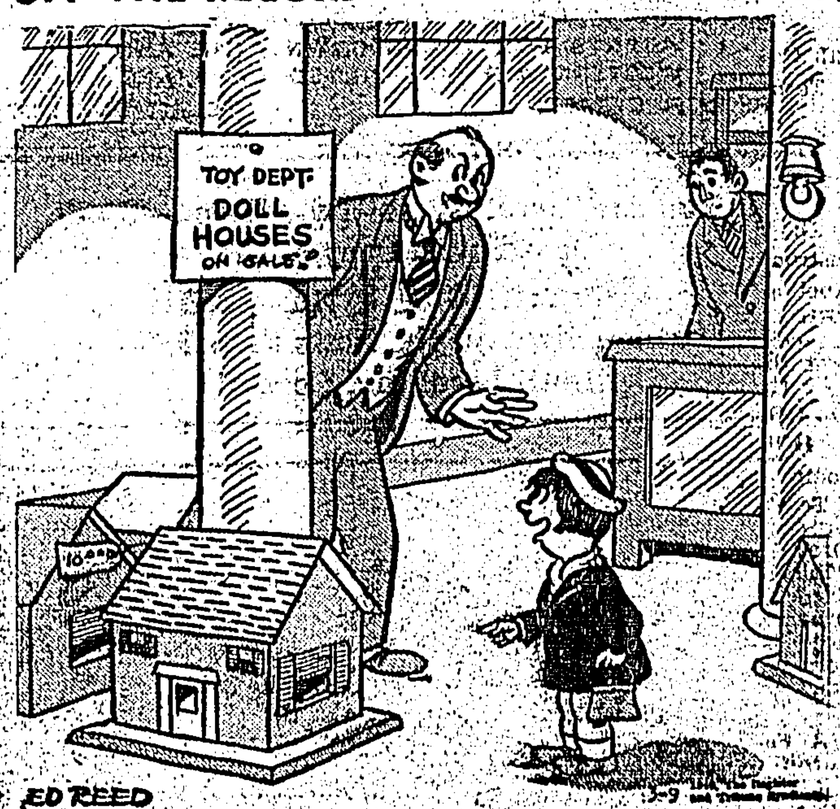

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano).
Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin); The Rosary (Nevin, arr. Altendorf)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice (from "Samson and Delila"—Saint-Saens)....Gladys Swarthout with Orch.
Salut D'Amour (Elgar); I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolphe)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
Could I Be In Love (William Merrigan Daly); Paradise In Waltz Time (Coslow) (both from the film "Champagne Waltz")....Gladys Swarthout with Orchestra.
Potpourri Of Waltzes — No. 2 (Robrecht)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet and The Massed Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.
By Land And Sea—Ceremonial March (Alford); The Middy—Quick March (Alford)....The Band of H.M. Royal Marines.
Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); Agincourt (Willan); Here's A Health Unto His Majesty (Harris)....John Goss & Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
Ship Ahoy March—Intro: The Sea Is England's Glory; The Lads In Navy Blue; Ship Ahoy; Sons Of The Sea (arr. MacKenzie). Sea Songs Medley (No. 3)—Intro: Princess Royal; Admiral Benbow; Portsmouth; Life On The Ocean Waves (arr. Vaughan Williams)..... Massed Bands of The Royal Marines.
Rio Grande; Billy Boy (Sea Shanties); Shenandoah (Sea Shanty—arr. Terry)....John Goss and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
On The Quarter Deck—Quick March (Alford)....Band of H.M. Royal Marines.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge in Variety.
Vocal—The Empire Depends On You (Vivian Ellis)....Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra; Keep It Under Your Hat (Hulbert-Erard & Tafford) (both from "Under Your Hat")....Cicely Courtneidge Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Brothers with Orchestra.
Accordeon—My Rhythm (Munsonius); Wind And Waves (Zander)....Jungherr's Accordeon Melodians.
Sketch—The Cure (Hiccoughs) (Dion Titheradge)....Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green & Cecile Dixon.
Swingers—Hot Pie—Intro: I Got Rhythm; China Boy; Alice Blue Gown; Hot Lips; Aunt Hagar's Blues; Am I Blue....The Six Swingers.
Vocal & Talking—The Little Toy Train (McLaren-Hulbert); The Birthday Of The Little Princess (Gay)....Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Gerald Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm.
Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (from film "Her Master's Voice"); Quick-Step—Taggin' Along With You....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—Just Remember; Quick-Step—My Gal Mezzanine....Gerry Moore (Piano solo).
Fox-Trots—Ti-Pi-Tin; Always and Always (from film "Mannequin")....Gerry Moore & his Rhythm.
Slow Fox-Trot—When Two Love Each Other; Quick-Step—Don't You Care What Anyone Says....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—I'm Building A Sailboat Of Dreams....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
7.15 p.m.—Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).
Dancing On The Ceiling; Just By Your Example (both from "Evergreen")....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"The Town Talks"—Piano Medley (Ellis)....Vivian Ellis.
When You've Got A Little Springtime In Your Heart (from film "Evergreen"—Harry Woods)....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"On Your Toes"—Piano Medley—Intro: On Your Toes; The Heart Is Quicker Than The Eye (Hart & Rodgers)....Vivian Ellis.
7.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Hail Vienna—Potpourri (Dostal); "Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Selection (Abraham); "Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Ketelbey Programme.
Sunbeams and Butterflies; In The Moonlight....The London Palladium Orchestra.
The Vision Of Fuji-San....Reginald Foort (Organ solo).
In A Persian Market....Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
By The Blue Hawaiian Waters—Intro: The "Hula" Dance; The "Kanaka" Lover Appears; The Song of the "Hula" Girl; Dance Of The Betrothal Ceremony....Reginald Foort (Organ).
Sanctuary Of The Heart....The London Palladium Orchestra.
"Appy 'Ampstead ("from "Cockney Suite")....Albert Ketelbey & his Concert Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Record Review arranged by John Abbott.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Berlioz—"King Lear" Overture, Op. 4. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Short Piano Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
Evocacion (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz).
10.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Cagliostro Waltz, Op. 370 (Johann Strauss)....Boston Promenade Orch.
The Wanderer (arr. Palmgreen); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child; Poem (Minstrel); Man (Hughes)....Paul Robeson with Piano.
Spanish Dance In G Minor, Op. 12, No. 2 (Moszkowski); Bolero In D Major (Spanish Dance Op. 12, No. 5—Moszkowski)....The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Love Song (from film "Sanders of the River"—Wimperis)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
Song Of India (from "Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Intermezzo (from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni)....The Boston Orch.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondent".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

BRITISH WOMEN PILOTS HANDLE EVEN BOMBERS

(By Walter Kerr)

BRITISH WOMEN PILOTS have delivered thousands of 'planes from factories to airfields and from fields to advance stations in the year and a half since they were incorporated in the Air Transport Auxiliary, Captain Pauline Gower, their thirty-one-year-old director, said.

In recent weeks, they have been allowed to handle Great Britain's most powerful fighter 'planes and a number of fast twin-engined bombers. The other day the Air Ministry authorised their commander to increase the number of pilots from forty to eighty.

Dressed in dark blue uniforms, these young women report at their aerodromes at dawn every day in the week. A transport 'plane takes them up and drops them off at factory fields or training centres. On an average day a pilot may fly a primary trainer to a field several hundred miles away, step into a Hurricane fighter and ferry it to an advance station and then wind up the afternoon by taking a heavy bomber from one part of the country to another. In the evening a transport brings her back to the home field.

At all times the job is dangerous, for there are hazards to be met, and yet Amy Johnson is the only one of the service who has lost her life.

The women's section was organised and is directed by Captain Gower, who has been flying for eleven years. She still flies, although her right arm is in a sling and may be in one permanently, as the indirect result of an accident suffered several years ago. She began flying when she was twenty and paid for the lessons and bought her first 'plane by giving violin lessons and recitals, lecturing on Greek mythology and writing magazine articles.

In the nine years before the war she flew for several flying circuses, ran an air taxi service, wrote a book, "Women With Wings," and helped to direct the government-sponsored pilot training project. She believes that she piloted some, 32,000 persons in those years.

After months of persuasion she finally was allowed to organise the women's ferry service and started on January 1, 1940, with eight pilots. At first they handled primary trainers. When more than 1,000 had been delivered without accident, the women were allowed to ferry light bombers and advance trainers. Before taking on the country's best 'planes, they attended the central flying school and were authorised to start their own school, which is directed by Junior Captain Margaret Abbage, the former Margaret Cunnison.

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GRANNIE, 74, DEFIES BOMBS

Bombs can't drive "Grannie" Mary Campbell, 74-year-old Merseyside raid heroine from her home.

In the last raid on the area, she—

Crawled through a hole to safety from a bombed crypt; escaped from her bed when the roof of her home collapsed from a direct hit; got away from a burning rest centre.

She was evacuated to a home in the country, but returned this week to her old environment in a congested working-class area waiting for her home to be repaired so that she can move into it again.

The first thing she discovered was the disappearance of her bed. Someone had stolen it in her absence.

"I must have been born under a lucky star," she said.

"The devil—that's Hitler—may follow me, but he will never get me.

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Dates for the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament are as follows:

November 15	Police v Club	(Police).
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December 6	Navy v Police	(Navy).
December 13	Army v Navy	(Army).
December 20	Navy v Club	(Navy).
December 27	Army v Club	(Army).
January 3	Club v Army	(Club).
January 10	Navy v Army	(Navy).
January 17	Police v Navy	(Police).
January 24	Army v Police	(Army).
January 31	Police v Army	(Police).
February 7	Club v Police	(Club).

Last season two Tournament matches were played on the same afternoon on three occasions, but despite the fact this season's Tournament matches are all on different days the Tournament will be concluded only six days later, providing everything goes to schedule.

There are only six "combined" games—Club & Navy v Rest etc. —on the list, but it may be necessary to introduce more of these games as the season progresses.

The First Round of the International Tournament will be decided on February 21 and the Final on February 28. Volunteers meet Army on March 7 and the Seven-A-Side Tournament Finals will be on March 14. The last big match is Club v Bank on March 21.

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Recreio Bowls Changes

Recreio are making a great many changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls League team for this week-end from the team that appeared last—on August 24—and one of the rinks will have a new skip. This is the four to be led by O. P. Remedios, which will comprise E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto and M. A. Carvalho, as against L. A. Rosario, J. R. Soares, M. F. Alarcon and M. A. Carvalho for their last match.

C. C. Pereira will have Rosario and H. M. Xavier as Nos. 1 and 2 in place of Barros and G. A. Guterres respectively, while M. L. da Roza and E. A. R. Alves will be the first two men for A. P. Pereira instead of F. P. Sequeira and C. P. Basto.

Civil Service are also making a number of changes. Rakusen will have Harper as lead in place of McKay, while McGowan, who was skip to Simmonds, Walker and Collyer, will go No. 3 to Hillyer, for whom Gellatly will be No. 1 in place of Crawley. Strange, who takes over McGowan's rink, will have Purvis, Burling and Collyer as his front men.

Following are the selected teams:

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v Kowloon Dock R.C., home, at 4.30 p.m.):—M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, L. A. Collyer and H. E. Strange (skip); H. F. Harper, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, J. F. McGowan and W. R. Hillyer (skip). Reserve: C. Walker.

CLUB DE RECREIO

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., away):—L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip); M. L. da Roza, E. A. R. Alves, H. R. Pinna and A. P. Pereira (skip); E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto, M. A. Carvalho and O. P. Remedios (skip).

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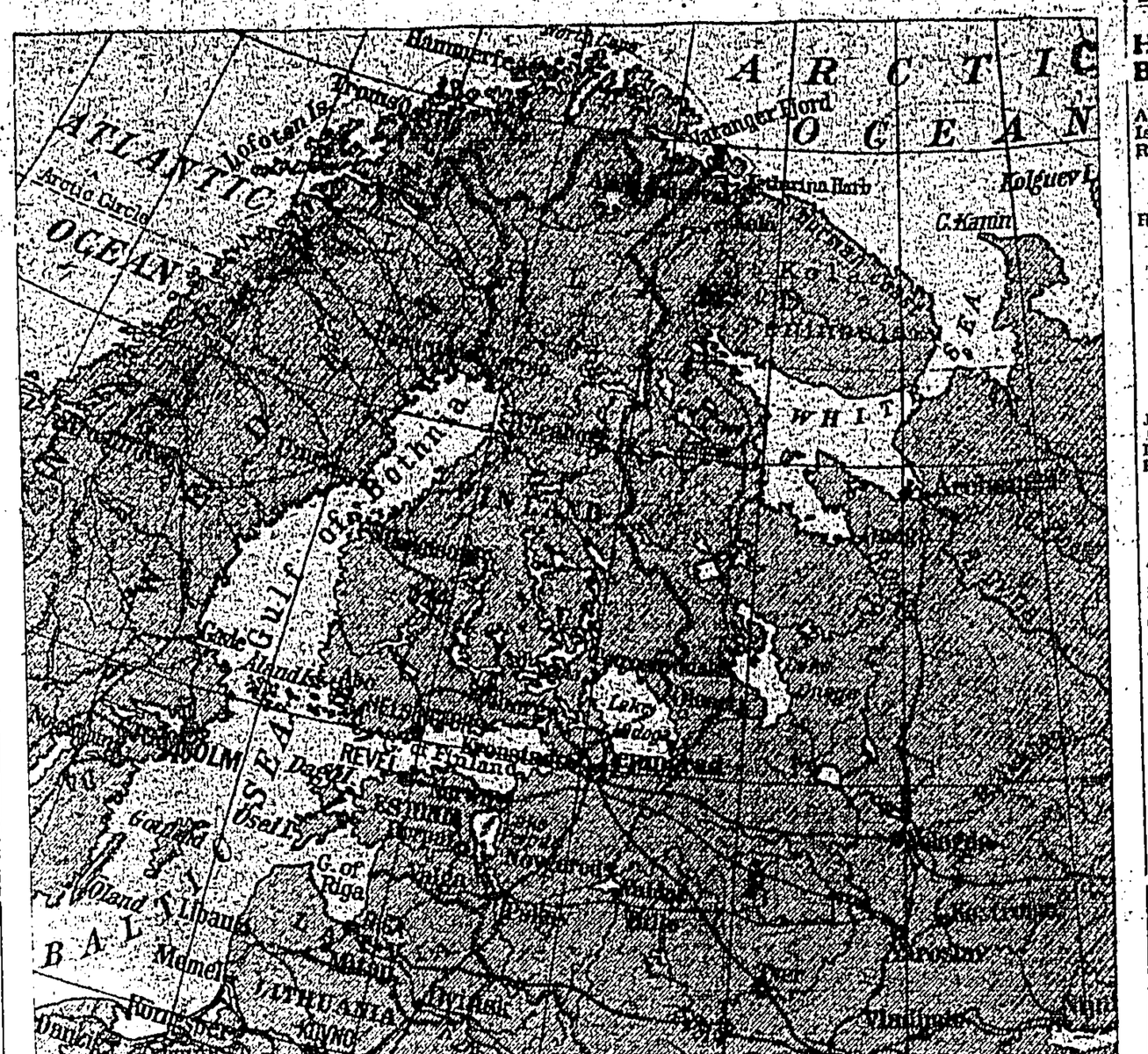
NEW FLYING BOATS FOR CIVIL ROUTE

"Berwick," the second of the three big Boeing 314 flying boats bought by Britain from the United States Government, recently arrived at Lisbon on her maiden voyage under her new house-flag and left shortly afterwards for Bathurst, West Africa.

"Berwick's" sister ships are "Bristol" and "Bangor". The original Boeing 314, better known as the Clipper, is a 4-motor type somewhat like the famous British Sunderland. Powered with four Wright Cyclones, its maximum speed is just under 200 m.p.h.

From Bathurst the present England—West Africa flying boat service runs on to Largos, where it connects, with a trans-Africa landplane service to Cairo. There, and at Khartoum, connections are made with the Empire "Horseshoe" route which runs from Durban via East Africa, Cairo, Iraq and India to Australia, terminating at Sydney.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"IRON" BUX OFFERED 2,000 PESOS TO LAY DOWN FIGHT IN MANILA

By "Incog."

"Iron" Bux, whose name was a household word amongst followers of boxing in Manila from 1917 to 1923, during which period he won every title of the Philippines from bantamweight to middleweight, in addition to winning the lightweight championship of the Orient, has a record that has not been approached by any other Hong Kong born lad.

For Bux has fought good men and beaten them. He has been hailed by competent judges as a "man who would have gone far in world boxing had he been taken in hand properly," for, as Bux himself admits, he had to pick-up all he knew about boxing with practically no assistance at all until he had reached the top flight amongst Hong Kong fighters.

After he had beaten "Kid" Marriott in a lightweight title fight here, interest began to be shown in the "Iron Man," but that was too late, for Bux had by this time heard of the opportunities for "promising youngsters" in the Philippines, and so Manila became his adopted home for the next decade.

And he adapted himself to the change admirably. He "went, he saw, he conquered," and by reason of the clean and sporting way he went about his fights, he was soon a favourite amongst the Filipinos, who became his camp-followers even against their own countrymen.

Beats Sammy Good

Bux's best fights were against Sammy Good, the Atlantic Coast fighter who was champion of California in the welterweight division. He had more than one scrap with him, and although Good won more times than he did, Bux at last had the satisfaction of upsetting the critics and beating Good on points over 20 rounds in June, 1919.

Bux also met Llew Edwards, the Australian welterweight champion and holder of the Lonsdale Belt, but the hardest hitter Bux came up against was a slim, good-looking sailor off the American Navy by the name of Frank Haynie.

"He was a slim boy, but those punches came like piston rods, and boy, he sure packed a wallop," said Bux, recalling the scrap he had with this boxer when he was badly beaten up, but weathered 15-rounds of punishment.

Bux was so good at one time as a lightweight that he had to fight outside of his class. Welters and Middles held no terrors for him and he was ever ready to oblige with 10 rounds of mixing it with the best of them.

2,000 Pesos Bribe

When he was about to meet Battling Mantell for the lightweight championship of the Orient, somebody offered him 2,000 pesos to lay down the fight, and in this connection the following extract from the "Cablenews-American", of August 15, 1916, makes interesting reading:—

"Iron Bux, champion lightweight of these fair isles, was offered the sum of 2,000 pesos to let Battling Mantell win the 20-round championship bout at the Olympic Club last Saturday night, according to reliable information obtained by the 'Cablenews' and Bux told the gent who offered the coin of the realm to take a trip to a region far warmer than is Manila even in the hot season.

"By his action he has kept the boxing game clean in this city and has won for himself a respect and admiration in the hearts of Manila fight fans that even his great ring ability could never gain."

The fight went the full 20-rounds, Bux winning by a comfortable margin, thus retaining the lightweight title of the Orient, which he won from Rufe Turner on a points decision.

That speaks for itself, and a little later, a racehorse made its appearance on the Manila track, named "Honest Bux" as an added tribute to this gallant boxer.

Last H.K. Bout In 1918

Bux had his last fight in Hong Kong in 1918 — the memorable bout against "Sky" Kerrison, for the welterweight title, which ended in a draw — and the last fight of his career in Shanghai, was some 10 years later, under promoter "Sapper" Miles, one of the leading lights who took an interest in Bux in his early days here.

Since then Bux has indulged only in occasional "instructional bouts," and his one great disappointment is that he could never get the Chinese sportsmen interested enough in boxing to "make a go of that sport here."

Bux is still game as ever, and though he maintains he can still "go six rounds with some of the younger fellows," anno domini has overtaken him, and now his son "Iron" Bux jnr., is carrying on the good work in the roped square.

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BEAUSITE WINS SWAFFHAM STAKES

The Swaffham Stakes, over a mile and two furlongs, was expected to provide a good test for the Cambridgeshire horses, but various reasons reduced the field to only four runners, two of which had been entered for the race.

The Swaffham Stakes was won by Mrs. James's Beausite, a filly by Boldarcher out of Orama, trained by Colling and ridden by Ephraim Smith. The other Cambridgeshire candidate, Diadoque, Mr. Mastos' colt by Blandford out of Dulce, was third.

Prince Aly Khan's Annatom, by Titerari out of Antonina, was second, being beaten by a head, there being four lengths between the second and third horses.

The betting was 5 to 2 Beausite, 4 to 6 Annatom and 100 to 6 Diadoque.

Beausite, it will be recalled, placed second in the Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

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In a friendly hockey match at Sookunpoo yesterday, "B" Company, Royal Scots, defeated Royal Army Service Corps by two goals to one.

M. Ferguson and M. R. Abbas (with hat), caught by the camera during the I.R.C. Kowloon Dock bowls match at Sookunpoo, where Indians won on all rinks. Abbas beat Ferguson 22-20 after having lost the First Round game at the Docks by 13-22.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS TO-DAY

Swimming of a very high standard should be the order of the day at the Colony Swimming Championships at Victoria Recreation Club this evening, commencing at 6.07 p.m. sharp.

The programme opens with the 880 Yards free-style race for men, and by way of sending the 1941 meeting off to a good start, records are expected to go by the board in this very first race, with Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun star performer, holding the spotlight.

The programme for to-day is as follows:—

Colony Championship — Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Chiu Wai-lim (Sing Tao) and Yu Shiu-kan (Chinese "Y").

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke (Junior Championship):— L. A. Marques, C. Marcal, A. Alves and L. Vieira.

Boys' 25 Yards free-style, (12 years old and under).

Colony Championship — Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ng Shiu-lin (H.K. and K.R. Union), Miss Li Po-leun (University), Miss Chan Chai-pun (C.B.C.), Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.) and Miss Ko Miu-king (Lai Tsun).

Members' 100 Yards free-style (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style (Junior Championship):—Miss Jeannette Yolle, Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Theresa Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle and Miss Yolanda Remedios.

Colony Championship—Ladies' Fancy Diving (3-Metre Board):—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (C.B.C.).

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke (Junior Championship):—J. M. Gosano, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, E. D. da Roza and H. Reynolds.

Colony Championship — Ladies' 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.).

Boys' 75 Yards Medley (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

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CRAIGENGOWER'S TENNIS WIN

Army Tennis Club lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 sets to 5 in Third Division of the Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.) beat L. W. Kek and J. W. Leonard 6—4
lost to W. J. Howard and H. K. Wo 0—6
beat W. C. Hung and P. C. Yiu 6—3

S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.)
lost to Kek and Leonard 1—6
lost to Howard and Wo 1—6
beat Hung and Yui 6—4

Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Stoner (A.T.C.)
lost to Kek and Leonard 2—6
beat Howard and Wo 6—3
lost to Hung and Yui 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	69½	20½	20
A.T.C.	10	8	2	0	57	24	16
C.C.C.	8	7	1	0	44	28	14
C.R.C. (2)	9	6	3	0	50	28	12
C.D.R.	8	5	2	1	42½	30½	11
K.I.T.C.	8	4	3	1	39½	32½	9
K.C.C.	10	3	7	0	28½	61½	6
C.R.C. (1)	7	2	5	0	24½	38½	4
K.T.C.C.A.	7	2	5	0	16	45	4
H.K.U.T.C.	8	1	7	0	24½	47½	2
I.R.C.	10	0	10	0	19	71	0

COMBINED SMALL UNITS WIN ARMY SWIMMING TITLE

Hong Kong Area (Army) Inter-Unit Swimming Championships were held at Army Pool last night when Combined Small Units carried off the championship by amassing 70 points, against 62 by Royal Scots, who were runners-up. Combined Royal Artillery and Middlesex Regiment shared third place with 56 points each. Royal Engineers were fifth with 22 points.

At the conclusion of the programme H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maltby, distributed the prizes.

Results were:

Four Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined Small Units; 4, Royal Engineers; 5, Middlesex. Time: 3 mins. 49.4 secs.

Four Men 100 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Middlesex; 3, Royal Scots; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 4 mins. 45 secs.

Plunging:—1, Middlesex (108 ft. 8½ ins.); 2, Royal Engineers (98 ft. 5 ins.); 3, Combined R.A. (96 ft. 4 ins.); 4, Royal Scots (94 ft. 4 ins.); 5, Combined Small Units (92 ft. 3 ins.).

Four Men 200 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Royal Scots. Time: 11 mins. 51 secs.

Five Men Variety Relay (1 length, 3 lengths, 6 lengths, 3 lengths and 1 length):—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined R.A.; 4, Middlesex. Time: 5 mins. 49.4 secs.

Diving:—1, Royal Scots (233 pts.); 2, Combined Small Units (227½ pts.); 3, Middlesex (221 pts.); 4, Combined R.A. (190½ pts.); 5, Royal Engineers (186½ pts.).

Three Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Medley Relay:—1, Royal Scots; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 2 mins. 35 secs.

Large Units Water-Polo Final:—Combined Small Units beat Royal Scots 5-0. Dignan (3), Allen and Bedford scored for the winners.

Officers 66 2/3 Yards Free-Style:—1, Major Templer (R.A.); 2, Lieut. Millar (R. Scots); 3, Capt. Dawson (Middlesex); 4, Capt. Williamson (Middlesex); 5, Lieut. Clague (R.A.); 6, Lieut. Scantlebury (Middlesex). (This event did not count towards the Inter-Unit Championship).

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TROJANS BREAK THEIR DUCK

Results of the Open League basketball matches played at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday were:—

Trojans	47	V.R.C.	23
Wah Kiu	47	Yu Leang	33

Goal-scorers were:—

Trojans:—Pun Kwong Yim 22, Thompson 16, Solecki 9.

V.R.C.:—Azedo 2, Maxwell 4, Ozorio 2, Roza-Pereira 4, Xavier 2, E. Rosario 8, L. Rosario 1.

Wah Kiu:—Tung Fuk-hon 12, Lau Ping-shan 8, Lo Kai-ming 6, Luk Yan-keung 8, Lam Kin-yan 2, Kwong Chi-hung 3, Chung Wai-heung 2, Tung Yu-ming 6.

Yu Leang:—Ng Chi-ngai 22, Chau Lai-kwong 2, Kam Yin 8, Sam Chow-wing 1.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	6	6	0	12
South China	6	6	0	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
National University	8	5	1	10
Wah Kiu	7	5	2	10
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents' Union	6	3	3	6
Indian Police	5	2	3	4
Youths	5	2	3	4
Yu Leang	6	1	5	2
Bank Union	6	1	5	2
Ping Ching	6	1	5	2
Trojans	7	1	6	2
V.R.C.	7	0	7	0

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REFEREES' LAST LECTURE

The last lecture for Football Referees will be held this evening at Scandal Point Hall at 7 p.m., when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of Hong Kong Football Referees Association, will be the speaker.

The oral and written examination for Army candidates will be held on Monday.

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Playing over the Relief Course at Fanling on Tuesday evening, C. Mather did the third hole in one.

SOLINA AND OMAR CAUSE BOWLS UPSET

A sensation was caused in lawn bowls circles yesterday at K.B.G.C. when, playing in the quarter-final of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar defeated H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for two years in succession, by 21-12.

Solina matched Alves wood for wood, while Omar played surprisingly good bowls to beat Ribeiro at almost every end.

Perfect Green

The green was perfect albeit a trifle fast, both hands taking very well. With Solina lying the shot more often than not, Omar's duties were reduced to those of blocking, and this he did effectively, though on the occasions that he was required to "come in for the shot" he invariably obliged.

A four at the 4th gave Omar a 6-2 lead, and after Ribeiro had made the score 4-8 against him with a single at the 8th, Omar ran into a match-winning lead of 17-4 with 1 1 2 3 1 1 at the 14th.

Ribeiro replied with 1 2 1 1 but a 3 for Omar at the next end saw him holding a 20-9 advantage. Ribeiro then scored a 3, but that was to no avail as a single at the last end gave Omar and his partner a well-deserved win, after scoring at 12 ends, the scores being:—

K.M.O.: 0 2 0 4 1 0 1 0 1 1 2 3 1 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 = 21
F.V.V.R.: 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 0 3 0 = 12

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BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Club Bowls results:—

KOWLOON BOWLING G.C.

Club Championship

Second Round:—L. Sykes received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; E. Levett beat A. G. Gardner.

President's Cup

First Round:—L. Newton beat S. C. Walker. Second Round:—L. Guy received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; L. Sykes beat E. A. Atkins.

Vice-President's Cup

First Round:—G. Thompson beat E. V. Searle. Second Round:—H. L. Lockhart beat H. Bicknell; R. Duncan received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin.

Singles Handicap

First Round:—A. J. Hall (scr.) beat W. S. Drake (scr.). Second Round:—V. C. Dixon (4) beat L. A. Jordan (3).

Pairs Handicap

First Round:—K. C. Hamilton and H. Bicknell (4) beat E. Levett and W. J. Geall (0).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

Singles Handicap

Third Round:—C. Dowman (1—2) beat Y. Abbas (1).

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CRICKET LEAGUE MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League will be held this afternoon at 5.15 p.m. in the Urban Council chamber.

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KOWLOON CHESS CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Kowloon Chess Club will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at Peninsula Hotel.

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ENGINEERS, NEW TO 1ST DIVISION, IMPRESS IN MATCH AGAINST S.C.A.A.

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEWCOMERS TO FIRST DIVISION, DID UNEXPECTEDLY WELL AGAINST SOUTH CHINA, LEAGUE AND SHIELD CHAMPIONS, IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME AT CAROLINE HILL YESTERDAY, AND WERE BEATEN BY ONLY THE ODD GOAL IN FIVE AFTER BEING 2-1 DOWN AT THE INTERVAL.

Engineers were without two of their regular players, Palmer being on the injured list and Jones their left winger, being an absentee. Moores and Gough, who were brought into the side, both did well. Sappers, on their display yesterday, should upset a few teams in First Division.

Engineers were slow in settling down and were at sea against the fast Chinese forwards. In the later stages of the game, however, they played well.

Moxham had no chance with the shots that beat him and brought off several good saves during the afternoon. Moores, who played in place of the injured Palmer, gave a promising display in an unaccustomed position, as he generally plays at centre-half.

Chau Man-chi, South China, making a dash for the ball in last Sunday's charity match against the Association's Governor's Cup team, who were beaten 5-0. Behind Chau is Pope, with Bright in the background. Nix, who deputised for Bankier in goal, is nearest the ball.

Shaw v Lee

Shaw was not at his best, but kept a constant watch on Lee Wai-tong and Chau Man-chi, while Chan King-kuen found Lee Shek-yau a troublesome winger but stuck to him well.

Birrell was the best forward and was a constant menace to South China defenders. He combined well with Lee Wai-lam and crowned a good day's work with a fine goal.

Gough, on the left wing, who played in place of Jones, also did well and with Fox gave the Chinese defenders several anxious moments.

South China played below form and in the closing minutes their forwards could make little headway against the hard tackling of

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R.A.S.C. BEAT CLUB "A" IN FRIENDLY

Playing better as a team, Royal Army Service Corps beat Club by 4 goals to 1 in a friendly football match at Happy Valley last evening.

Club's team included four of the first eleven, but too much individualism marred their game. Grattan, at right back, played very sound football and not only cleared safely, but fed the forwards well on more than one occasion, though some of his well-directed centres went a-begging.

Forrow and Odell both played well, but the forwards were on the weak side though Taylor scored a goal in the first half.

For Service Corps, Hamlin and Blazzard were a safe pair of backs, and they show signs of developing into one of the best combinations in the Second Division this season.

Blazzard Impressive

Blazzard, who is a newcomer to local football, was particularly impressive with his first-time clearances, while his positioning was also good.

Clark scored first for the Service Corps and Martin increased the lead. Then Taylor scored with a "trick shot," one of that variety which is aimed at one corner of the net and then finds its way in through the other! Just before half-time Weir added the third goal for the Corps.

Play was more even during the second half, though the Club backs were given a lot of work to do by the hard-pressing Corps forwards. Following one of these raids Clark gained possession of the ball, and with a good shot found the net, the final whistle sounding shortly after. Teams were:—

Club:—J. G. Bailey; A. G. Grattan and H. Millington; A. Eger, K. W. Forrow and A. Odell; E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bond, C. F. Needham, A. J. G. Taylor and P. O. Morgan.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Hamlin and Blazzard; Smart, Morgan and Hammond; Glenn, Farrell, Clark, Weir and Martin.

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TRUSCOTT'S HAT TRICK

At Causeway Bay, Signals, Third Division runners-up and now competing in Second Division, beat Royal Navy in a friendly football match by four clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Signals were the better balanced team and displayed good combination in the attack while their intermediate line was too good for the Navy forwards.

Truscott opened the scoring for Signals early in the game and shortly after increased the lead. Bates scored before the interval and in the second period Truscott registered his "hat trick."

Navy:—Giff; Wilson and Connor; Bowden, Parkinson and Gallagher; Breese, Spradberry, Taylor, Shipside and Long.

Signals:—Newham; Taylor and Smith; Holland, Spinks and Hutchinson; Truscott, Bates, Brackenberry, Skinner and Laing.

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SAPPER JUNIORS BEAT SAINTS

Royal Engineers juniors beat St. Joseph's by four clear goals in a friendly football game at the Valley yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

St. Joseph's tried several new players and though they showed promise they were unable to settle down and combine with the rest of the team.

Moores scored for Sappers early in the game and in the second half he added another. Ellsley and Bures added further goals.

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At Boundary Street yesterday, Police beat Air Force in a friendly football game by the odd goal in five. Gordon scored all the goals for Police and W. McDonald and G. Smith for Air Force.

Sappers. Lee Shek-yau was not so prominent on the left wing while Chau Man-chi made the mistake of feeding him too much.

Lee Wai-tong started well and showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with, but in the second period he slackened his pace considerably.

He opened the scoring in the first five minutes with a good goal and shortly after increased the lead. Gough reduced the arrears before the interval.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee scored, and Birrell beat Tam Kwan-kon with a good shot.

Lee Wai-tong broke through in the closing stages but shot over the bar.

Teams were:—

South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Tso Kam-hung; Ho Lok-kee, Lam Tak-po and Lau Hing-choy; Lee Tak-kee, Choung Wing-keung, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Moores and Fielding; Chan Yuen-king, Shaw and Taylor; Lee Wai-lam, Birrell, Pelham, Fox and Gough.

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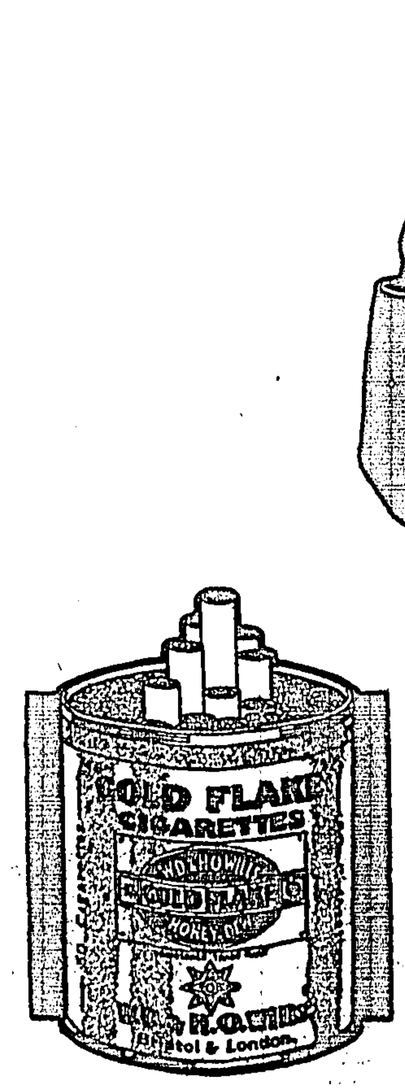

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Women are taking a leading part in this gigantic British effort on behalf of Tanks for Russia Week.

A Ministry of Supply official told Reuter that one large factory in South Wales had already turned out more guns for tanks than was ever believed possible in the time.

Reports reaching the Ministry of Supply yesterday from factories in all parts of the country show that tank output for the first three days of Tanks for Russia Week has increased by 50 per cent over the corresponding period of a month ago.—Reuter.

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RED CROSS NEEDS IN RUSSIA

The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Lord Iliffe, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish army and the Czechoslovak Legion being organised on Russian soil.—Reuter.

Squadrons Now In Action

"SQUADRONS" OF BRITISH 'PLANES ARE NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE DEFENCE OF LENINGRAD, ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

With the aid of British aircraft, the despatch says, the Russian air force has caused serious losses to the Germans.

The Russian fleet is also helping Leningrad's defenders.

German movements on this front have been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Oesel and Dagoe, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi 'planes, parachutists and infantry.

In the far north the Russians have repulsed a new German offensive against Murmansk.

Russian 'planes and warships have sunk several German troop transports and supply ships on their way from Norway.

THE DESPATCH ADDS THAT IN THE SOUTH MARSHAL BUDENNY HAS SUCCEEDED IN WITHDRAWING PART OF HIS TROOPS TO NEW POSITIONS ON THE DONETZ.—REUTER.

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ESSENTIAL WORK ORDER

The British Government announced yesterday it expected that in the immediate future the "Essential Work" Order would be applied to the 200 "nucleus" mills in the cotton spinning industry.

Under the Order no employee is able to leave employment or be dismissed without official permission and — for the first time — operatives will receive guaranteed weekly wage rates.

This is the first time the Order has been invoked in a "concentrated" industry. It does not apply to the manufacturing section of the trade.

For some months the labour shortage in spinning mills has been increasing owing to operatives being called up for military service or leaving for munitions factories. — Reuter.

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GRIM RADIO STORY

MOSCOW RADIO IN ENGLISH YESTERDAY STATED THAT DOCTORS IN GERMAN ARMY HOSPITALS HAVE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PUT TO DEATH BADLY WOUNDED MEN FOR WHOM THERE IS NO HOPE OF THEIR RETURNING TO THE RANKS.

The question is decided in each particular case by the head doctor of the hospital, said the radio announcer. — Reuter.

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CUT IN DUTY ON WHEAT

It is understood that the Government of India is considering a reduction of the import duty on wheat at the earliest possible moment, according to a Reuter telegram from Bombay this morning.

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STOP PRESS

A severe battle is now raging over the entire North Hunan front. The Japanese have thrown more than 100,000 men into the campaign, with the defenders offering stubborn resistance.

Simultaneously with land operations, there has been intensified enemy aerial activity against the Chinese positions, with Japanese bombers incessantly attacking Chinese troop concentrations.

In the Tungting Lake region, fresh Japanese attempts to land marines to the south of the Chinese line have failed.

On the northern bank of the Milo River, Chinese flank attacks are making appreciable progress.

In the direction of Pingkiang, a Japanese column has crossed the Milo River. The Japanese are attempting to consolidate their position on the southern bank and fighting is growing in severity.—Central News.

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Germans Claim New Advance

SOCONY FACTORY BLAZE

All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory at Whiting, Indiana.

One man is reported to have been killed and several are injured.

The fire spread to dozens of oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long.

Concern is expressed over the possibility that an "agitator plant," which is a storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames are visible for many miles.

Later.

The fire is now apparently under control. — Reuter.

Britain Warns Finland

The report that Britain has told Finland that if she continues to invade purely Russian territory it will be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come, was confirmed in London yesterday.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish War, Britain, it was understood, would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as possibility in authoritative circles in London.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE'S TWO SUCCESSES

A British submarine has torpedoed an enemy transport and a supply ship of about 1,500 tons in the central Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty communique issued yesterday afternoon.

The supply ship is believed to have been sunk and the transport was later seen to be on fire. — Reuter.

Effective Soviet Counter-Thrusts

THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE FOR LENINGRAD, WITH THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE OPPOSING ARMIES, WAS DESCRIBED YESTERDAY IN BOTH BERLIN AND MOSCOW BROADCASTS.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of "a fair-sized town," refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

The capture of further sections of Leningrad's defences figure in the German claims, which speak of the taking of strong Soviet field positions and the putting out of action of a number of Soviet pillboxes with heavy losses for the enemy.

On the Russia side, the "Red Star" states that in battles on the bridges to Leningrad the German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses in a series of counter-attacks.

According to a field despatch to the "Red Star" one such counter-attack developed into a battle which raged throughout Tuesday.

The Soviet troops forced the 126th German Infantry Division to roll back, capturing fortified positions.

THE GERMANS THEN BROUGHT TANKS INTO ACTION SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY BUT WERE COMPELLED TO RETREAT, "LEAVING THE BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH THE CORPSES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS."

"Cossack" Tanks

In another sector on the south-eastern approaches to the city the Germans drove a wedge into the Russian defences but were forced to retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks" which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed by by the "Red Star" to have been inflicted on the 136th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

"Between September 8 and 15 the German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

The effective work of Soviet Fleet Air Arm aircraft found a place in yesterday's Soviet broadcasts.

Fleet Air Arm

A supplement to the Soviet communique states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 13 enemy 'planes and destroyed 10 more on an enemy aerodrome.

At the approaches to Leningrad Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German A.A. batteries, 11 A.A. machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns.

The Black Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy 'planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to a bold attack on German troops by a guerilla detachment commanded by a schoolmaster operating in the Odessa district. — Reuter.

Bulgaria Issues Denial

All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia yesterday, states a Sofia despatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the three-power pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union, establish a protectorate in the Crimea to control the Black Sea and participate in exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Bulgaria, he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed from any quarter.—Reuter.

RUSSIA A FACTOR FOR PEACE

"RUSSIA'S RESISTANCE IS A FACTOR FOR PEACE IN THE PACIFIC, DECLARED SIR RONALD CROSS, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA, AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY BY THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA.

"All unstintingly admire and praise the heroism and self-sacrifice of the Russian forces," he said.

"Japan is watching Russia whose battle is our battle," declared Sir Ronald.

"Our relations with Japan are regrettable but are purely Japan's fault."—Reuter.

WAVELL'S FLYING VISIT

It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, has been on a visit to London, where he had consultations with the Imperial General Staff.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned to India.

During General Wavell's visit to London he had several talks with Mr. Churchill, General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and other high British military officials.

It is understood the object of General Wavell's visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.—Reuter.

FRENCH SHIP SUNK

The Vichy news agency announces that British bombers attacked and sank the French cargo steamer "Moncelet" on Saturday in the Gulf of Gabes, off the coast of Tunisia. All her crew were rescued.

The agency adds that the "Moncelet," which carried a cargo of phosphates, caught fire after being hit by three bombs.—Reuter.

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NAZIS AGAIN CHANGE STORY

Situation On Russian Front

Solid Defence At Leningrad

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

THE GERMANS ON TUESDAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THE ENCIRCLED RUSSIAN FORCES CAN BE RECKONED WITH "IN A FEW DAYS."

This tells a somewhat different story from their earlier claims that the surrounded Soviet troops were disintegrating and being abandoned by their officers.

It confirms the views already expressed that the Germans are making a desperate effort to cut off the rearguards of Marshal Budenny's forces and that the latter are fighting with the same indomitable spirit that has characterised the Russian soldiers throughout the last three months.

Indeed, unofficial reports from Moscow of counter-attacks at Glukhov and Poltava, which are reported to have met with local success, show the Russian morale is not weakening.

Both at Leningrad and Odessa the assailants have not been able to make any progress despite repeated attacks with heavy forces.

German Losses

German losses in these intensive operations must undoubtedly have been extremely heavy and there are therefore good grounds for believing that the estimate of M. Maisky of German losses as somewhere in the neighbourhood of three million is not excessive.

The recent German claims of heavy air raids and air successes over Britain are to certain knowledge without foundation and prove that German propaganda is being compelled once again to have recourse to down right lies to give the German people a little encouragement and confidence.—Reuter.

PIGEON'S ROLE IN BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

The range of the peregrine falcon along our coastal cliffs has been limited during recent months by successive Air Ministry Orders legalising the destruction of the birds or their eggs in various districts. The Scottish counties of Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty, the islands to the west and the whole of Northern Ireland have now been included.

Like older marauders the outlawed birds have for a time enjoyed a respite in the Highlands and the Western Isles, and have no doubt taken full toll there of their favourite prey, the rock dove. Unfortunately the peregrine does not distinguish between wild pigeons and homers carrying messages from aircraft over the sea to shore stations. It was the loss of carrier pigeons which has led to the outlawry of the falcon, for upon the safe delivery of the pigeon's message may depend the lives of the whole crew of a big flying boat.

As everyone knows the long range aircraft of Coastal Command now patrol the shipping lanes far out into the North Atlantic. In this waste of waters the supreme struggle of the war is being fought out; upon the vigilance of R.A.F. eyes and the safe passage of its aircraft hangs, in large part, the issue.

Messages sent ashore by pigeon from patrolling aircraft must be delivered at all costs. No feathered watcher over the cliffs of Western Scotland, and Hebrides or Skye can be allowed to interfere with the messenger.

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TRADE UNIONS TO MEET IN MOSCOW

It was officially stated in London yesterday that arrangements are now in hand for the first meeting between delegates of the Trades Union Congress and the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions, to take place in Moscow.

The representatives will be Mr. Wolsten Croft, Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Walter Citrine, General-Secretary, Mr. P. Allen, Mr. A. Conley and Mr. H. N. Harrison.—Reuter.

GRIM RADIO STORY

MOSCOW RADIO IN ENGLISH YESTERDAY STATED THAT DOCTORS IN GERMAN ARMY HOSPITALS HAVE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PUT TO DEATH BADLY WOUNDED MEN FOR WHOM THERE IS NO HOPE OF THEIR RETURNING TO THE RANKS.

The question is decided in each particular case by the head doctor of the hospital, said the radio announcer. — Reuter.

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RED CROSS NEEDS IN RUSSIA

The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Lord Iliffe, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish army and the Czechoslovak Legion being organised on Russian soil.—Reuter.

REVOLUTION IN FOUR MONTHS IN FRANCE!

Arthur Lesses, former propagandist for the French Government, arriving in the United States, said revolution would break out all over France "within four months."

The execution of so-called Communists in reprisal for attacks on Nazi soldiers would accelerate and not retard the uprising, he added.—Reuter.

R.A.F. ADDS TO ITS "STABLE"

When Britain entered the war the R.A.F. had but two principal types of fighter aircraft—the Hurricane and Spitfire. Both are single-seat, single-motor monoplanes of the low-wing type and of similar general design. British bomber types were rather more diverse, but the main long range offensive operations were carried out by three types of 2-motor bombers — Whitleys, Wellingtons and Hampdens.

Many new types of operational aircraft, both fighters and bombers, have come into use since. Some are British, some American. There have been new departures in fighter design, the turretted Defiant, and the 2-motor night fighting Beaufighter. New type bombers include 4-motor types such as the Stirling and Halifax.

Not many details of the new American types have yet been released, but among those which have already been in action are the Curtis Tomahawk, a sturdy fighter comparable to the Hurricane, the Douglas D.B.7. (known in its bomber version as the Boston, and and as the Havoc when used as a night fighter), and the Consolidated Catalina flying-boat. Boeing Flying Fortresses and Consolidated Liberators are heavy bombers which are now arriving and which will add to the offensive power of the R.A.F.

Other types of U.S.A. aircraft of advanced design are also on their way to add to the growing "stable" of the R.A.F.

BITTER FIGHTING FLARES UP ON ODESSA FRONT

ACTIVITY ON THE ODESSA front has again increased, and bitter fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Kherson for a point called "N," which the Soviet troops hold.

The enemy has flung in more reserves but the Soviet forces threw back the Germans after a bloody struggle in which 1,500 enemy corpses were left piled up in tank traps.

At "point N" the Soviet troops hold well-prepared defensive positions.

The enemy, without sparing men, launched one attack after another and once pierced the Soviet first line defences.

The Soviet Command threw in its reserves and forced the Germans out.

The news, published in the "Red Star," throws down the German claim to have already reached Perekop, on the isthmus, and to have isolated the Crimea.

"Red Star" does not state exactly how far from Kherson the battle is in progress.

Orchard Of Ukraine

Kherson itself stands on the high right bank of the Dnieper, 20 miles from the mouth, and is one of the largest cities on the Dnieper.

The region may be called the orchard of the Ukraine, producing the finest grapes and peaches.—Reuter.

REALLY SILENT SERVICE

The recent revelation of the vital new air defence system now known as radiolocation has exploded one of the oldest fables about women—that they cannot keep a secret. Large numbers of W.A.A.F. radio operators have for months past been doing their part in "radiolocating" enemy 'planes. Yet from them not a word of this most closely guarded of Britain's secret weapons has reached the ear of the outside world—and the enemy.

Just how well the W.A.A.F. kept mum was shown when the story of radiolocation was officially told. W.A.A.F. members not directly concerned in its operation were as surprised as any other members of the public.

Even though in many cases they were actually working in some other capacity, on R.A.F. stations near the apparatus, no hint of the device had been dropped by their sisters of the new "Silent Service."

In the past recruiting officers looking for likely radiolocation candidates have only been able to say that the work would be "confidential and interesting." Now any young woman between 17½ and 35 can plainly ask to be considered for radiolocation work. If she has a nice clear voice, perfect eyesight, integrity of character and an above-average education, the job is her's. And even though a candidate cannot reach this high standard there are dozens of other jobs waiting for her in the W.A.A.F.

FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MAY NOT GO TO FRONT

ONE OF THE difficulties of knowing what is happening on the Russo-German battlefront is that neither foreign military observers nor journalists are allowed near the fighting line.

As in the last war, the Russians remain fundamentally secretive, with an ingrained dislike of even their best friends seeing what is happening.

They have no desire to conceal what is good or bad, but simply will not permit outsiders to see the front line or to learn their secrets.

They have been very frank about what is happening, neither exaggerating their successes nor minimising their setbacks, but the Americans, along with the British, are anxious for more information.

"There is a lively hope in Washington," cables "The Times" correspondent, "that the time has now come when the Soviet Government will remove its curious and complete restrictions on the movements of American and British observers in Russia, whether they are at the front or elsewhere."

GERMAN "T.T." RIDER NOW PRISONER

HANS SCHROEDER, PEACE-TIME NAZI 'ACE' MOTOR CYCLIST WHO RODE IN THE ISLE OF MAN T.T. RACES, IS NOW A PRISONER IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Flying a Me. 109, he was shot down by a R.A.F. fighter, and taken into the Mess.

There he was recognised by an officer who had seen him riding in the T.T. races. He acknowledged the recognition only reluctantly, but he did not give the Nazi salute.

The German guests had made themselves unpopular in 'the Island' when they 'heiled Hitler' at the prize giving in 1938 and perhaps Schroeder remembered that.

Schroeder used to speak English fairly well, but affected to have forgotten that, too. He admitted however that the Luftwaffe were not enjoying desert fighting. They dislike the British Hurricanes even more than the fine sand which, they complain, perpetually interferes with their engines.

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Inter-Allied Conference Endorses Atlantic Charter

TASK OF REBUILDING EUROPE

THE INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY AFFIRMED AS THE COMMON AIM THAT SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND MATERIALS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE POST-WAR NEEDS OF COUNTRIES LIBERATED FROM NAZI OPPRESSION.

M. Paul Spaak, Belgian Premier, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia, and the representatives of General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to cooperate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr. Eden explained that the preamble to the resolution made no mention of His Majesty's Government, or the Governments of Canada, Australia and South Africa, because these Governments are already associated with the declaration.

Mr. Eden said the resolution expressed the general aims for which they were fighting.

It was his conviction that approval by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its influence and would encourage the Allied forces now gathered together to defeat Germany.

The Eight Points

M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of his country, said Free Czechoslovaks who had escaped Hitler and were enjoying the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.

The Eight Points were equally important in their symbolic as in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process for achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

ANY HOPE OF AGREEMENT WITH NAZI GERMANY AND VULGARISING, GOOSE-STEPPING PRUSSIANISM WAS A FUTILE DREAM.

Only after the destruction of this could we establish a peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.

Germany Disarmed

Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression to attain political aggrandisement was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like the Czechoslovaks, had for long been victims of aggression, would have to be considered.

Anglo-U.S. Cooperation

M. Masaryk continued: "Within the future economic structure of the world, as outlined by the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia by access to their fair share of raw materials will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in cooperation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life.

"The Czechoslovak Government is more than ever convinced that the closer cooperation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day have taken up arms against the common foe."

M. Masaryk hoped cooperation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

Point Four

On behalf of Greece, M. Tsouderos approved the resolution.

M. Bech, for Luxembourg, said his Government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"To-day the whole world knows the great English-speaking Democracies are pledged to the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny."

The declaration, he said, had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by the oppressed peoples.

M. van Kleffens, Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point Four of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of a reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of the rule.

Protection Snowball

At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious common effort would be made to that end for the ultimate benefit of all.

M. van Kleffens said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government he was happy to express adhesion to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

"We thank the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of His Britannic Majesty's government in the United Kingdom for having taken this auspicious initiative," he said.

Polish Endorsement

The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczynski, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and that the activities of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten.

He said Poland, which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration, would see that none of the illegal acts perpetrated by the ruthless aggressor would be recognised, and that the Polish population which had been removed from the western parts of Poland would return to their homes and the Germans driven away.

The Polish Minister was confident too that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the principles of the Atlantic Charter. — Reuter.

R.A.F. AWARDS

FLYING OFFICERS WHO DIRECT BRITAIN'S AIR OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST — THE WESTERN DESERT, MEDITERRANEAN AND IRAQ — ARE INCLUDED IN A LIST OF R.A.F. AWARDS ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The list is made up of 112 names and includes three officers and two N.C.O.'s in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Air Marshal Roy Maxwell Drummond, Deputy Air Officer Commander - in - Chief Middle East Headquarters, and Air Vice-Marshal John Henry d'Albiac, Air Officer Commanding in Iraq, become Commpanions of the Order of the Bath. — Reuter.

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Sir Dadiba Merwanjee Dalal, former High Commissioner for India in London, left estate in England valued at £5,000, says Reuter from London.

FADDEN GOVT. SURVIVES BY ONE VOTE

The motion of censure moved by Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, against the Australian Government in Parliament yesterday, was defeated by 32 votes to 31.

Mr. Curtin alleged the use of Government funds amounting to over £3,000 for bribing Union officials.—Reuter.

DUTCH EXPLAIN VIEWS

The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London yesterday on post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to Reuter yesterday by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

"As is well known," he said, "the Netherlands Government some time ago planned measures for re-stocking the Netherlands as soon as the yoke of German oppression has been cast off.

"Queen Wilhelmina in her radio speech promised her people to take this task in hand. A Government executive in extraordinary service appointed for this purpose is in New York and is making the necessary purchases and is supervising the storing of these goods for the duration of the war.

"Although the Government have the greatest possible interest in this joint Allied task and will be prepared to exert all their powers to contribute their share to this work the fact remains that plans on behalf of the Netherlands Motherland retain their particular attention." — Reuter.

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RAID BY SINGLE 'PLANE

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Shortly after noon a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a place on the East Coast of Scotland. None was hurt and no damage done."—British Wireless.

ORGANISING POOL OF SUPPLIES FOR THE PEACE

THAT IT WAS THE DUTY of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from war to peace, was stressed by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, at yesterday afternoon's resumption of the Allied Conference at St. James' Palace.

Mr. Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German aggressors have been removed.

It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet in London now.

Preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export surpluses.

Another committee of officials under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the Government's Chief Economic Adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

Estimates of Needs

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to build up a store for their own country and the Polish and Belgian Governments had prepared preliminary memoranda on their countries' estimated requirements.

The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr. Eden said that the framing and coordination of estimates must take account of the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted.

Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last at least two years after the war.

Bureau Proposed

Mr. Eden said that the resolution he would propose provided for the establishment of a bureau which would report to an Inter-Allied Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential foodstuffs were even now accumulating in those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war.

It was known that the United States Government were deeply interested in planning for coordination of stocks and marketing of some of the most important commodities especially wheat and cotton.

"The statement which they have authorised me to make shows they will not be unwilling at the right time to join in framing plans for the supply of Europe's needs on the basis of cooperation," said Mr. Eden.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BANS SUPPLIES TO SWITZERLAND

BRITAIN HAS WITHDRAWN the facilities for the passage of blockaded industrial materials to Switzerland as a consequence of the latter's commercial agreement with Germany.

The official announcement in London yesterday stated: "In view of the commercial agreement recently signed between Switzerland and Germany, the British Government is no longer able to continue the limited facilities hitherto accorded for the passage through the blockade and across enemy territory of materials for Swiss industry.

"The Government, however, appreciates the difficulties of Switzerland's position and will continue to give facilities within reasonable limits for the import into Switzerland of foodstuffs and fodder and of certain other goods exclusively destined for domestic consumption."

OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON DECLARED THE MOVE WAS NOT AN ACT OF RETALIATION BUT SIMPLY RECOGNITION OF A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH EXISTS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE SWISS OR OF BRITAIN.

It is believed that the Swiss understand the position. — Reuter.

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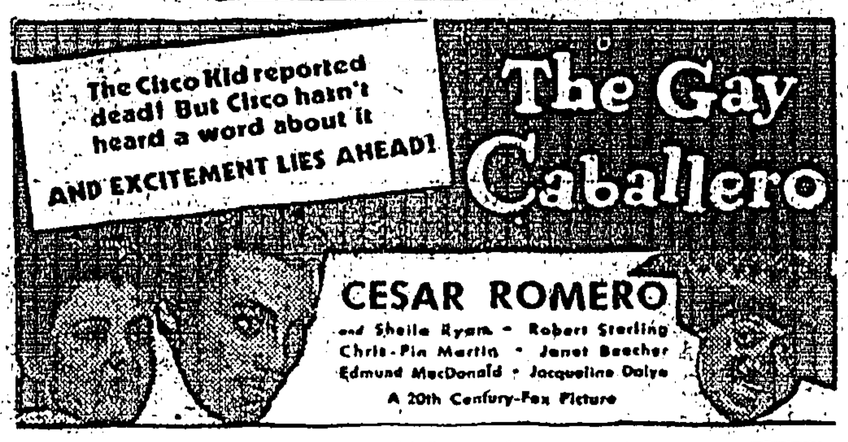

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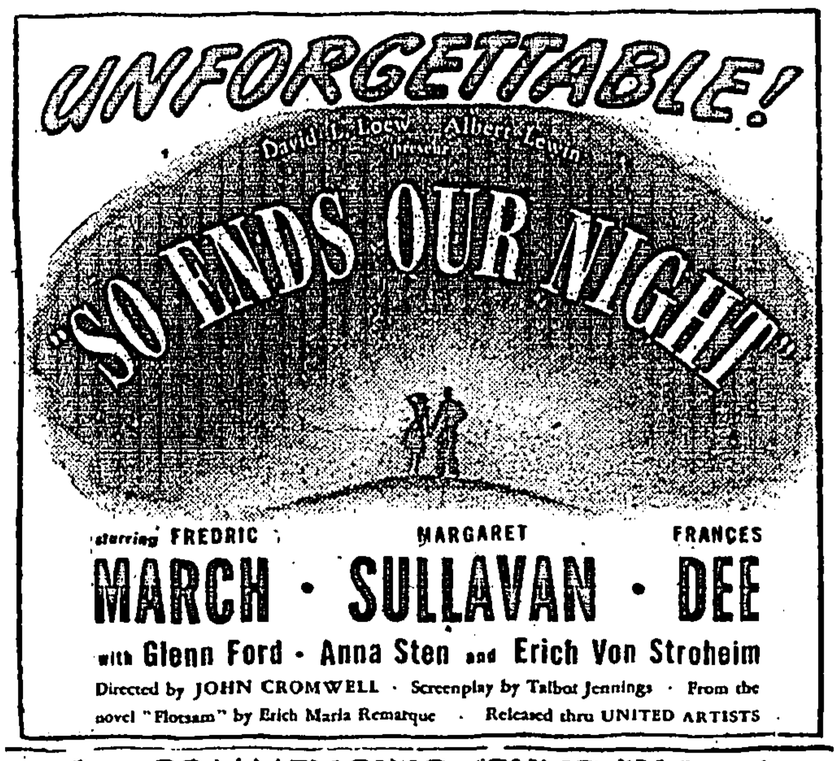

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VIRTUAL REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT TO BE SOUGHT NEXT WEEK

IT WAS STRONGLY INDICATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL REQUEST VIRTUAL REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT NEXT WEEK.

It is reported that Administration officials are urging the President to recommend also the elimination of the provisions preventing U.S. ships entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Predicting that the Neutrality Act will be amended in important respects, Senator Connally added it might be completely repealed except that it carries some desirable provisions, such as Government control over munitions exports.

The supposition that if American ships remain out of combat zones they are free from attack had proved illusory, said Senator Connally, citing the "Robin Moor" and "Greer" as examples.

He added that "if the Nazis are to attack our ships wherever they are found there is no reason why we should continue to observe combat areas.

"Under the law of nations our ships have the right to go anywhere on the high seas," he declared.

The arming of American merchantmen was "desirable," he concluded.—Reuter.

White House Statement

THERE IS NO REASON WHY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOULD NOT MAKE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK HIS DECISION OF ARMING MERCHANTMEN AND REVISION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, HIS SECRETARY, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Early said the White House had received no hints that a filibuster (delaying tactics) might be used by opponents in Congress to prevent revision of the Act.—Reuter.

THREE N.C.O.S TOOKSIDON

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

An Australian sergeant-major, a sergeant and a corporal "captured" Sidon from the Vichy forces, and formed a three-man army of occupation for four and a half hours before the town officially capitulated to the Allies.

When the first British armoured vehicles broke through the last French line and raced towards the Vichy G.H.Q. they found the three grinning Australians already in charge there, with the French staff under arrest and Vichy soldiers and local government officials lined up outside to welcome our troops.

Describing this amazing climax to a grim four-day battle, the goorlie gold miner, said: "It was as much a surprise to me as it was to the French when I found we were the first Britons to enter the town.

"We had been sent out early on Sunday morning with a small column of men to harass Sidon's fierce defences on the eastern flank, and we were in position shortly before dawn. I had been told to keep the Vichy troops busy while the main attack began from the front.

"As soon as our artillery went into action from the south, we began peppering the French from the flank. The French sent out a patrol to mop us up. Then we were in the thick of some high old fighting.

Got Separated

"They came at us from every angle. We were forced to make a hurried withdrawal, and, in the confusion, the sergeant, corporal and myself got separated from the rest of the troops.

"The noise of the guns died, and I said to my companions, 'It looks as if the battle is over. The boys must be in already. How about going down to meet them?' So we scrambled down the mountain-side. Fifteen minutes later we were marching down Sidon's market street.

"I thought it strange that we did not see any of our troops about, so I went up to a Lebanese and asked him where the Australians were. He said, 'They're still outside the town.' I asked: 'Haven't you surrendered yet?' and he replied 'Not yet'.

"Even as we spoke there was a tremendous rattle of machine-gun fire and the roar of field guns. With that battle in progress it was useless trying to get back, so after a conference we decided to bluff it out."

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THEY DON'T MIND BLISTERS!

"Prepared for blisters and aching backs," 200 Bath Civil Servants will supply their own food and drink to assist farmers with the harvest.

END OF U.S. SEAMEN'S STRIKE

President Roosevelt's statement on Tuesday that merchantmen tied up in ports by labour dispute "have got to move," is apparently bearing fruit.

The Seafarers' International Union called membership meetings yesterday morning to discuss the release of 25 tied up vessels which, in the words of the Union leader John Hawk, was "the sensible thing to do."

Mr. Hawk advised putting men back on board the ships, releasing the vessels and then "letting the Mediation Board handle the dispute."

Sailors of the Pacific Union which had tied up three vessels in New York harbour announced their membership had voted on the release of the vessels at 5 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday.

Called Off

The Seafarers' International Union has called off the 11-day strike pending the outcome of negotiations between the shipowners and the National Defence Mediation Board.—Reuter.

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EX-SHAH GOING TO ARGENTINE

The ex-Shah of Iran has left Kerman en route to the Argentine, says the Iran news agency quoted in a Reuter message from Teheran this morning.

The report added that the ex-Shah left in the direction of Bandar Abbas and is to pass through India on his way to the Argentine. — Reuter.

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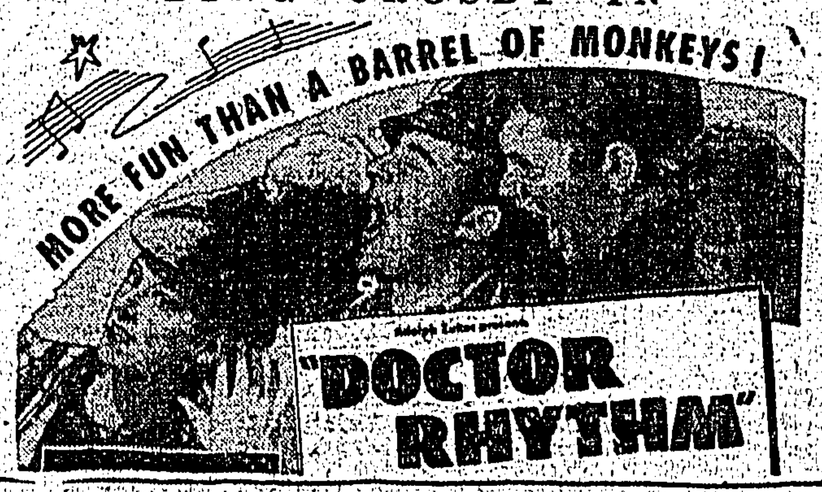

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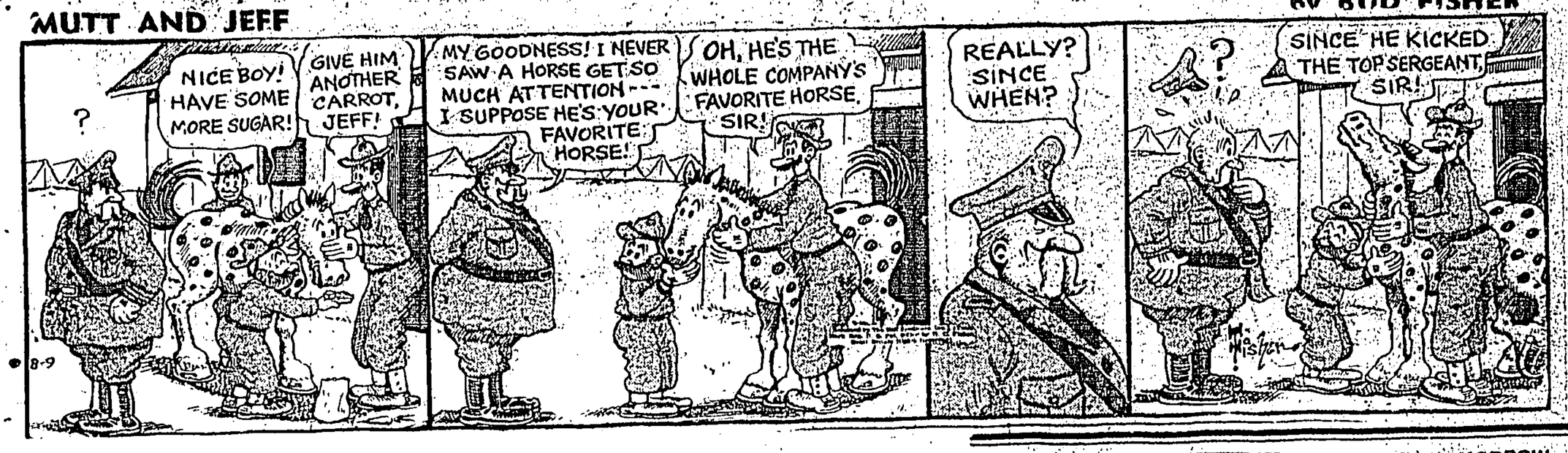

"LATE ARRIVALS" CLUB

A club, exclusive as it is unique, has just been formed in the Western Desert. It is called "The Late Arrivals Club" and the members are a small body of fliers who have been shot down in action and have, through initiative and courage, managed to elude the enemy and gain the safety of their own lines.

The members include a D.S.O. and many D.F.C.'s. There are one or two Free Frenchmen eligible, and at least three South Africans. Some members are doubly eligible having thwarted the enemy on more than one occasion. The "Late Arrivals" sport a badge designed in blue and white enamel, and consisting of a winged flying boot signifying that most members of the club have walked back from behind the enemy lines.

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BELGIANS "SEE" OUR ARMY

Photographs of the British Army are being reproduced in secret newspapers circulating in Belgium and are heartening the population, says the Free Belgian News Agency.

MASSED GUNS ON COAST AWAIT INVADERS

(From L. MARSLAND GANDER)

BRITAIN'S COASTAL batteries, strengthened and improved immeasurably since Dunkirk days, are preparing a devastating welcome for invaders. I have just seen a night shoot by six-inch guns that are the first line of our island defence.

While bombers bound for Germany throbbed overhead, shore searchlights picked up moving target representing the bows and stern of an enemy transport. The first gun fired; then, still dazzled and deafened in the battery observation post, I saw the shell land amidships on the target.

There was a chorus of "Good shot!" from a little group of Royal Artillery officers. Afterwards the guns spoke seven times more and secured three direct hits at 3,500 yards.

Even in these days of airborne menace, the guns are massing along the coast in the expectation that one of the enemy's main efforts will be over the sea. I have spent some days as the guest of a special coast regiment of the Royal Artillery which guards a stretch of shore. Behind the monster coastal guns are lines of field artillery.

"Romeo" and "Juliet"

These coastal batteries lurk in the neglected gardens of empty seaside villas, among woods and in many unsuspected places. Meanwhile under ingenious camouflage that gives the green and brown landscape new contours the work of building more emplacements goes on. So "Romeo," "Juliet," "Ickle Gel," and many another steel giant nicknamed by the gunners, goes into position to lie in wait.

A naval officer who cooperates with the Royal Artillery in this section of the coast discussed with me the problems of invasion and defence.

The Nazis would need a week of fine weather, he said. Despite the best efforts of the Navy, we must expect the Germans to land considerable forces, regardless of loss.

This naval officer believes that in these islands air action and landing of airborne troops could not produce any decisive result, and that the Germans must still rely on sea transport for the heavy equipment they would need. Nevertheless, air possibilities have not been neglected.

Life by the English seaside in 1941, is a strange experience. Where the holidaymakers used to sunbathe, the gunners off duty form exclusive bathing parties on the mined and wired beaches. The regimental concert party, with a surprising show of talent, takes the place of the professionals.

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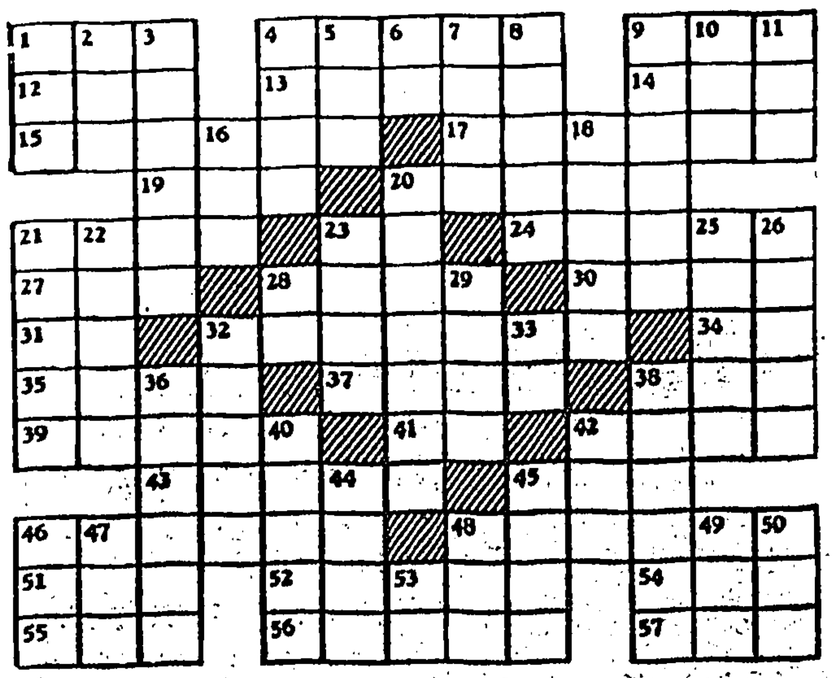
HOW AN "AUSSIE" JOINED THE R.A.F.

Among the pilots operating with a Fighter Squadron of Hurricanes named after the State of Hyderabad is an Australian.

Born in a small town in Western Australia he worked as a bank clerk in Melbourne for several years. From childhood he was intensely interested in flying, and for several years he piloted civil aircraft in Australia. When his bank refused to give him a day's leave to see the finish of the Mildenhall—Melbourne air race in 1934, he decided literally to "hand in his cheque."

Paying his own fare he sailed for England, and early in 1936 joined the Royal Air Force. Now he records credits and debits of a different sort.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 To drink
4 Poisonous plant
9 Moisture
12 Ostrichlike bird
13 To track game
14 Constellation
15 French revolutionary hero
17 Teutonic deities
19 To plunge
20 Sounds having rhythm and melody
21 Shield
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 Occurrence
27 Craft
28 Difficult
30 Great Lake
31 Artificial language
32 Bombast
34 110
35 To soothe
37 Considerate
38 Sunken fence
39 To eject in a jet
41 By
42 Greek god
43 Toast
45 Aged
46 To introduce
48 To consume
51 To regret
52 Twilled worsted fabric
54 By birth
55 Being
56 Vegetable
57 Attempt

VERTICAL
1 Guided
2 Chalice
3 Learned teacher
4 To desist
5 Vase
6 Colloquial: mother
7 Japanese aborigine
8 Stifling
9 Terpsichorean
10 Silkworm
11 Conflict
16 Poetic contraction
18 Split
20 Pertaining to an army
21 Noblemen
22 Aggregation
23 Undertaking
25 Recess
26 State
28 Chinese measure
29 Force
32 Flounder
33 Paid notice
36 Killed, wounded, or captured soldiers
38 Passionate
40 Human trunk
42 High mountain
44 Solar disc
45 Beasts of burden
46 Anger
47 Sister
48 The self
49 Biblical name
50 Tunisian ruler
53 Japanese measure

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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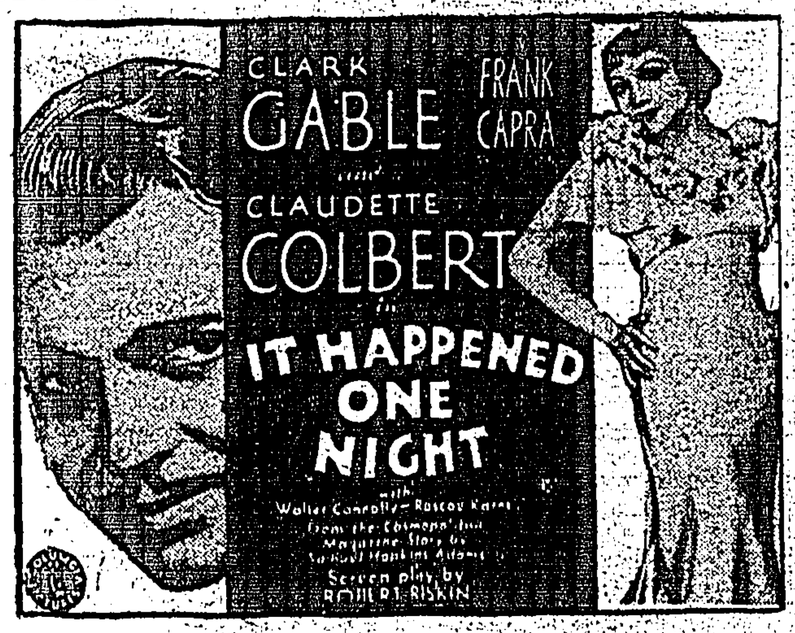

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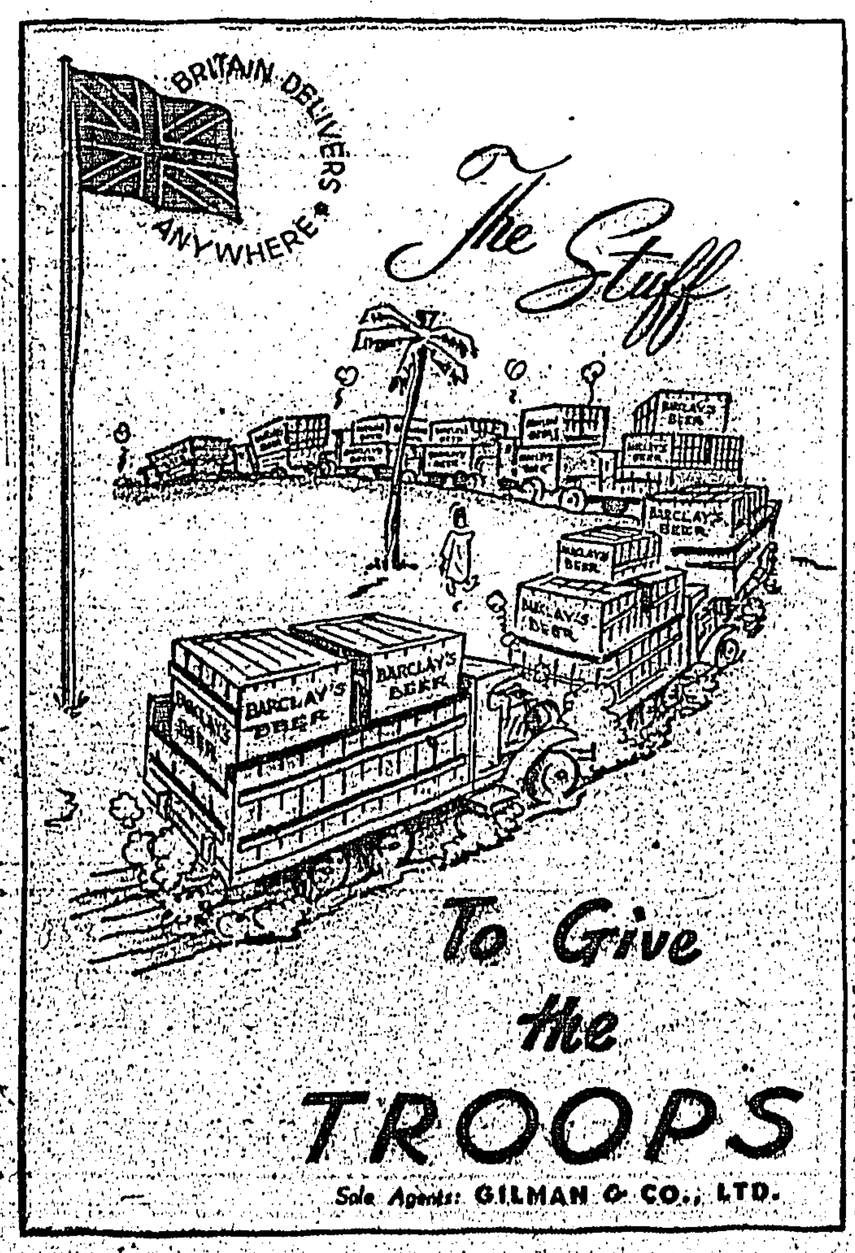

WIDESPREAD UNREST IN JAPAN

SOME DAYS AGO PRINCE KONOYE INFORMED THE JAPANESE PEOPLE THAT THE COUNTRY IS FACING THE GRAVEST CRISIS IN ITS HISTORY. IT IS CURIOUS TO REFLECT THAT THE FULL GRAVITY OF THAT CRISIS IS PROBABLY LESS REALISED BY THE JAPANESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD, DECLARED A SPEAKER OVER STATION XGDN IN SHANGHAI.

It is hardly possible for anybody who has not lived in Japan, especially during the past four years, to have any idea of the state of ignorance concerning current events in which the Japanese people are deliberately kept.

Both press and radio are under complete control. In regard to the latter, no short wave is allowed and the wave band for all private radios is limited from 200 to 500 metres. The people therefore are compelled to listen to local broadcasting stations only, and practically all telegrams giving news of the world situation originate from Rome or Berlin.

During the first two years of the China incident the Japanese air was loaded with stories of almost fantastic victories over the Chinese which, to some extent, accounts for the present discontent of the people. For, say they, if our military forces have been so uniformly marvellously victorious, why does this wretched incident drag on year after year and our personal lives become more and more uncomfortable?

The same reasoning is now going on in regard to the European war, since the beginning of which they have been fed on Berlin telegrams and the Goebbellings of the D.N.B. and Transocean news agencies. In other words the people of Japan are beginning to realise that the news as supplied to them is quite untrustworthy! in short that to a large extent they have been deliberately lied to.

Simple Folk

Yet it must be remembered that a very large proportion of the Japanese people are simple peasant farmers who, in normal circumstances, would blindly accept anything that they heard over their local radio receivers, and it must be admitted that, even now, there are many of these simple folk who regard all that they hear as gospel truth. Yet this again has to be discounted by the large number of soldiers, wounded and otherwise, who have returned to their country homes and who naturally speak in the bosom of their families and tell them just exactly what happened. And so, throughout the whole country, there is indubitably spreading a spirit of unrest and distrust which may easily develop into a very ugly situation for the Government in being.

I suppose most of you who are listening recall the famous incident of February 26, 1936, when a rebel group of the Army in Tokyo made an attempt at a coup d'etat which, through prompt action, was nipped in the bud and resulted in the death sentence being passed on the young ringleaders. Though the subsequent inquiry into this abortive effort was conducted mostly in camera, yet enough information emerged to show that the Army itself was, far from being united, actually full of divisions and groups, to the great detriment of both discipline and efficiency.

This fact may perhaps have some connection with the interminable dragging out of the China incident.

In Japan, however, there is one group in particular which is recognised as being the most united, the most powerful, and the most formidable because the most daring and outspoken of all—the extremists of the extreme right. Yet it is certainly the smallest. Its existence is well known to all the people and it has somehow failed to gain their confidence. Open criticism in Japan has for a long time been entirely suppressed, which is symptomatic of the unhealthy condition of the body politic. But in private it is a very different matter.

Not Wide-Minded

It is this group alone that has brought Japan into the position which Prince Konoye described as the gravest crisis in its history. It has done so in the following manner. Like most bigotted extremists, the members of this group, though often of high rank, are not wide minded and they proved themselves to be perfect tools in the hands of the Nazis. Gladly they adopted methods that had been so successful in Germany, particularly in getting control of the press and in organising a spy system.

In this they were assisted by specially-imported members of the Gestapo. But it has been through the press that they have made their influence mostly strongly felt. They have, in this regard, followed Hitler's advice as outlined in "Mein Kampf" and brought to perfection by Goebbels "If you lie, let it be a big lie, and repeat it over and over again, and the people will at last believe it."

The latest attempt to follow out this method is the word "encirclement." Of course if the Japanese people were allowed to think for a moment they would realise not only the falsity but also the stupidity of this idea. In actual fact, since the Russo-Japanese war thirty-seven years ago Japan has not been attacked or threatened by any country. There has been no encroachment beyond the boundaries of the supposedly encircling countries during all that time.

The Russian-Manchurian border remains where it was; China has not moved and Hong Kong and the Malay states with Singapore have always been stationary.

There has been no movement which might cause the smallest apprehension either from the Dutch East Indies or the Philippines. In fact Japan is now in precisely the same position vis-a-vis these countries as she has been for so many years past.

When we think of the Japan of fifteen or ten years ago, the happy, smiling and contended people living within their incomes which, though by no means large, were well sufficient for their needs; going about their daily work in quiet happiness, there was then no cry of "encirclement." It is, of course, as everybody knows, nothing but a parrotlike echoing of Hitler from two years ago, and the circumstances in both cases were much similar.

"Encirclement"

In a certain sense every individual, as every country, is encircled by neighbours. But it is not usually a cause of complaint so long as neighbourly feeling is continuing. If this ceases to exist it is not generally difficult to find the one responsible for changing those neighbourly feelings into one of dislike and suspicion.

We have seen how the "encircling countries" around Japan have in no way interfered with her for many many years, and so this present uncomfortable feeling of "encirclement" can only come from within her own consciousness. In other words, it is not the circumstances of the circle that is contracting upon her, but that she is trying to press from within against that circumference. In fact it is a tacit admission of an aggressive policy.

But, as we noticed before, the Japanese people are now by no means so gullible as they were four years since.

They know precisely from whom these "catch words" originate, and regard them with the suspicion that these years of false information would naturally engender.

They look back with longing on their lives of so short a time ago and bitterly regret their own supineness which enabled this small group to gain such power and thereby lead them into the sorry existence which they now have to endure. But there is no doubt at all that the people of Japan are becoming more and more politically conscious and that this group of high placed extremists will be most unpleasantly surprised when, for the wind which they have so lightheartedly sown, they have to reap so tremendous a whirlwind.

GERMAN'S SABOTAGE CALL TO GERMANS

Over Moscow radio Michel Niederkirchner, who in peace time had a job in a Berlin steel factory, broadcast to Berlin steelworkers a call to sabotage Nazi war production.

"Remember, friends," he said, "each cartridge which does not explode is a shot into the heart of Hitler."

GIRL AT SEA ON A TUBE

A girl, 18, was rescued after drifting in the Atlantic for sixteen hours on an inflated inner tube.

"My father had often warned me that it was sinful to bathe in a short costume, so I got what I deserved," she said after being picked up by a steamer.

The girl, Eleanor Waldonado, daughter of a minister, was swept out to sea off the New Jersey coast.

"During the entire sixteen hours I just sat on the tube praying for forgiveness and asking to be saved," Eleanor said.

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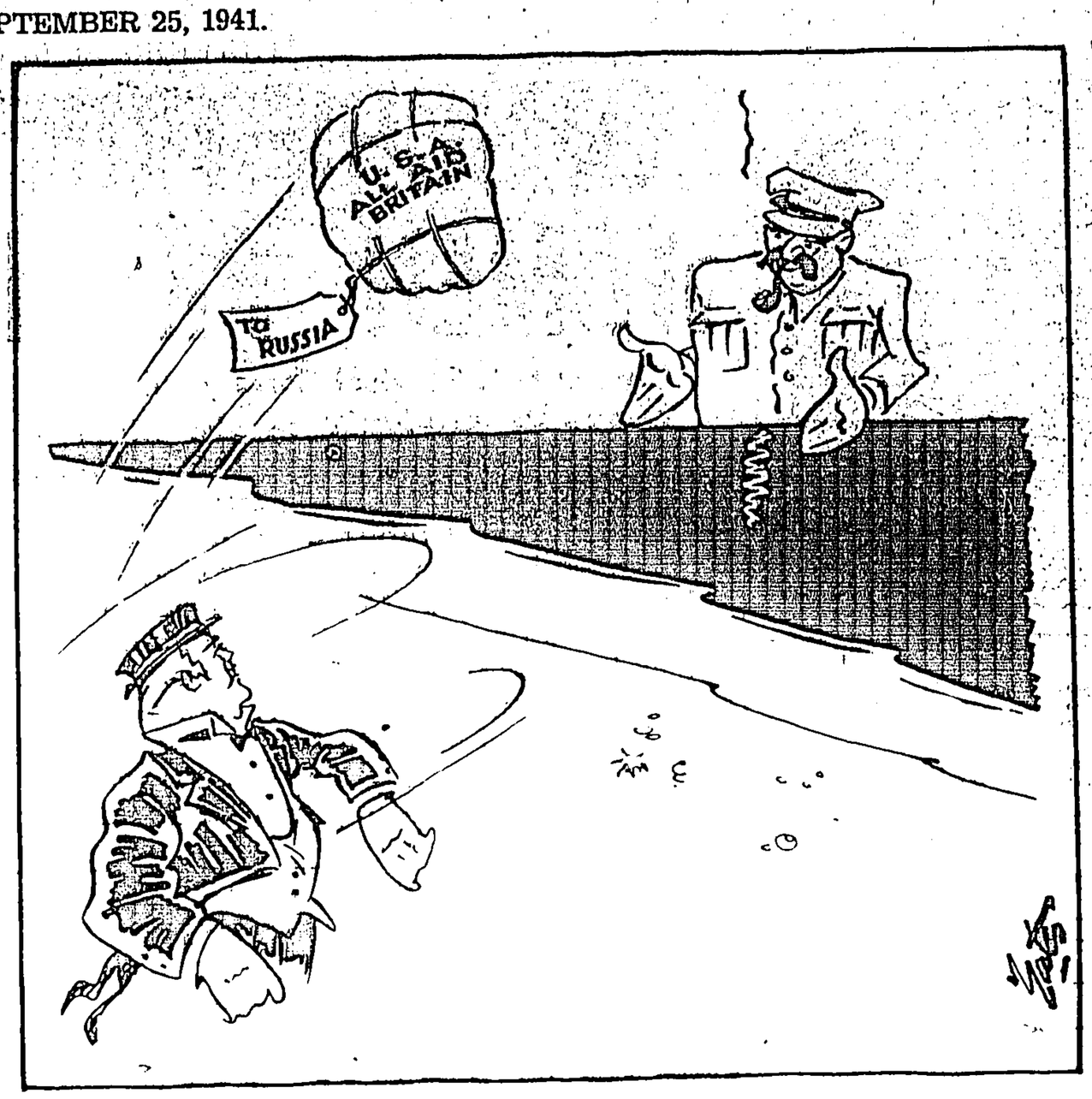
CLIPPING THE EAGLE

"Never was an eagle known to swim!" Such was the taunt of the Baltic city of Stralsund three centuries ago, when an Imperial army failed to reduce it. Sea-power preserved Stralsund; and to-day, if the moulting season has reached the Berchtesgaden eyrie unexpectedly, British sea-power has something to do with it. Ranging the waters with bombs in its claws, the Nazi eagle was tempted to believe that webbed feet had gone out of fashion. That was a mistake. Sea-power has survived the threat from long-range bombers. It has survived in relentless struggle the threat from U-boats beneath the surface. It has survived "secret weapons" such as the magnetic mine, new craft such as the small, fast E-boat, new tactics such as massed air attacks on ports. In just two years of a war for which Britain was woefully unprepared, her ships both naval and mercantile have also met and thrown back the challenge of the Axis fleets. And now British sea-power faces undismayed the possibility that a new, a numerous and an unnecessary enemy may wantonly present itself in the Pacific. On her fleet Britain knows she can rely in any war.

"For safety," wrote Coke in the 17th century, "they are the most defensive walls of the realm." If many people, some of them in responsible positions, placed too much emphasis on that word defensive in the first few months of the war, the attitude was never fully shared by the fighting services. For the Navy offence in any situation, whether outnumbered or outgunned, has always been the secret of successful defence. In the air it has been 'plane for 'plane and bomb for bomb until now the R.A.F. has soared to mastery of the daylight air, has clipped the wings of the Nazi night-birds, and thrust back the front over enemy territory. The army, chained at first to the French system of passive defence, has since shown wherever the opportunity was given it a bold initiative which one day will be repeated on a larger scale much nearer to the eagle's nest.

The German eagle has a number of disguises. Cooing like a dove in times of difficulty has become second nature to it, and doubtless that somewhat gutteral rencule-ment will be turned on again in the final hour of Nazi defeat. But it was at a time when a particularly insidious appeal for a breathing-space was being made, in the last summer of last year, that Sir Robert Vansittart reminded us of the vicious habits of the German butcher-bird. The brain-fever-bird also figures in the repertory, as third-degree diplomacy to weaken potential Nazi victims abundantly testifies.

And finally the tactics of the cuckoo have long been the subject of serious study in Berlin. Iran is by no means the first foreign nest to have suffered the laying of German eggs, but its geographical situation made the situation thus provoked one of peculiar peril to India and her western neighbours. The destruction of the Nazi brood was a duty clearly laid upon Britain and her Russian ally, and they have refused to be diverted from it.



PASSING IT ON.

"Eagles" Of The R.A.F.

By A.P. Luscombe Whyte

It is, of course, impossible to state exactly how many Americans are now flying Spitfires and Hurricanes from British bases. But an indication of the number who would *like to* was given in New York as long ago as March.

Then, it was stated that since July, 1940, 3,000 American pilots had applied to join the R.A.F. and the Canadian Air Force.

Nearly every man of those accepted asked for a chance to "have a smack at the Nazi" from the cockpit of a fighter 'plane, but a large proportion had to be content with less spectacular jobs. Instructing in Canada claimed some hundreds. Others took on the responsible job of ferrying American 'planes across the Atlantic or from factory to airfield in Britain.

The "cream" of the volunteers found themselves with commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, a spread-eagle badge on the right arms of their uniforms, and a proud tradition dating from the last war to live up to.

For the Squadron was formed last October under the honorary command of Colonel Charles Sweeney, veteran of many campaigns, and organiser of the Escadrille Lafayette of American fliers which, during the war of 1914-18 brought down 99 German 'planes.

Ideal Leader

The actual Commanding Officer of the Eagle Squadron is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, son of a U.S. army officer, ex-member of the U.S. Naval Air Service, ex-airline pilot.

Taylor is an ideal man for the job. He came to the Squadron with ample experience of wartime flying. Finding himself in England at the outbreak of war, he promptly resigned from the U.S. Marine Reserve. Then he joined the Fleet Air Arm, and served in the aircraft carriers Glorious, Argus and Furious, later transferring to the R.A.F.

During the first year of war the number of American volunteers in the R.A.F. increased to such an extent that it was decided to form an entirely separate squadron, manned and commanded by Americans.

So, just about at the height of the Battle of Britain, the Eagle Squadron had its badge approved by the King.

Among the "foundation members" of the Squadron was every type of flier. Amateurs, airline pilots, "crop dusters" (the men who prevent disease from spreading among crops by spraying them with insecticides from the air), stunt pilots and parachutists, ex-Army and Navy fliers, a film star's secretary, a finance house worker. Many had given up good jobs in their eagerness to fight.

In a recent contingent was 30-year-old P. Ward, pilot-owner of a small Tennessee airline, who had sold up his business to join up; John Coen, ex-U.S. Army pilot, who had resigned his job as a school-teacher; Bill Hall, "bush pilot" from Alaska who found the world's hardest flying country insufficiently exciting; and 19-year-old G. A. Daymond, already experienced as a "crop duster" in South Africa and South America, now the Squadron's youngest fighter.

All the volunteers arrive in Britain as experienced fliers, some with hundreds of hours' flying behind them. Still, they need training as fighters, although they do not have to undergo the four gruelling stages of training which are needed to turn an inexperienced lad into an R.A.F. pilot.

So keen are Americans that several have dived after Nazi raiders while still in the training stage. It was on such a flight, in bad, cloudy weather, that one of the first Eagle pilots lost his life. He was 23-year-old E. E. Orbison from Oklahoma, described as "a really brilliant pilot—a 'natural'."

He spotted a Nazi 'plane before he had been in the air five minutes. Instead of diving away to safety, as he was fully justified in doing, he waded in to tackle the far more experienced enemy.

The Americans' keenness is exemplified by the story told by another young volunteer who gave up his job in a Hollywood studio to fight in France. After many adventures and setbacks he reached Paris while a heavy raid was in progress, and for the next few weeks he was seldom out of danger.

Paris was evacuated, and with other volunteers, he started a long trek. In crawling, jammed trains, by car and on foot, they made their way to Tours, to Bordeaux, to Bayonne, to St. Jean-de-Luz. Bombed every day, often without food or water, sometimes even starving, they wore their boots off their feet, but their enthusiasm still burned strong.

Fought In Battle

Finally, after a nightmare three-day sea trip with only dog-biscuits to eat, the volunteers reached England.

Here their Embassy produced return tickets to America—but the young volunteers would have none of them. Within a few days their sheer determination had found them commissions in the R.A.F.

Three of the volunteers were sent to an Officers Training Unit, relates the Hollywood man. Here, after 20 minutes in an advanced trainer 'plane, he was put straight into a Spitfire. Twenty hours' flying in the fighter, and he found himself attached to an R.A.F. station in the south of England for several weeks final training.

That volunteer was just in time for the Battle of Britain. He brought down his first "cert," a Dornier bomber, on September 15, that great day when 185 Nazi 'planes were downed.

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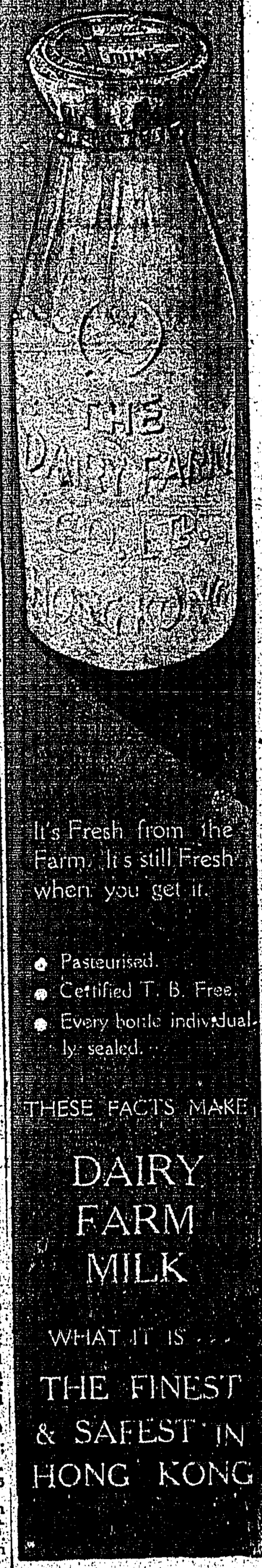

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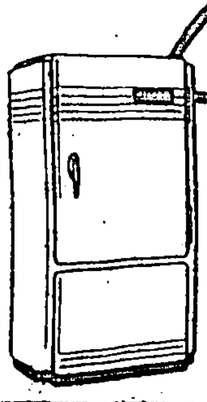

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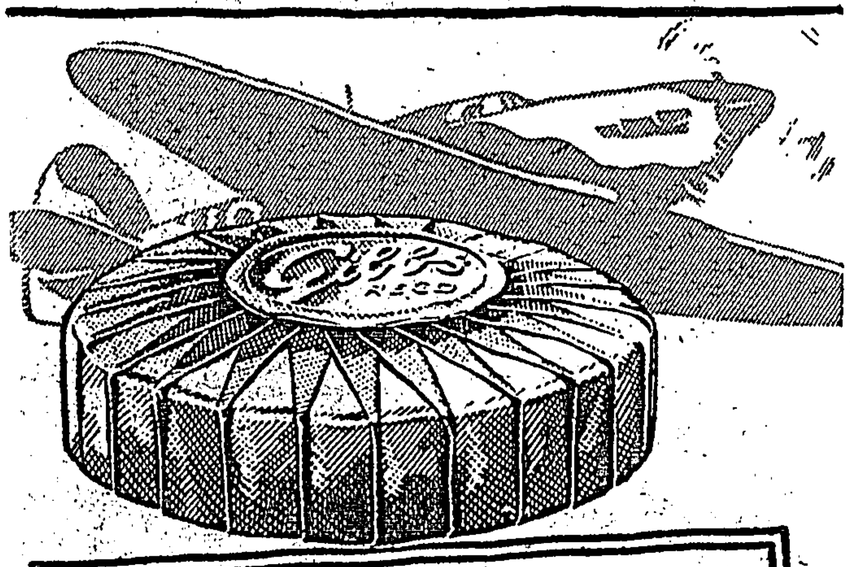

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CONSCRIPTION FOR WOMEN PREDICTED

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

FURTHER SUPPORT to the pleas of Members of Parliament that Government should adopt a more vigorous production policy, to which I referred on Monday, was given by editorials which appeared yesterday in "The Times" and "Manchester Guardian."

There is no question that public opinion is deeply stirred on the issue of production but Government are seriously handicapped by conditions of security from being able to reveal to the public anything but a small part of what they are doing and what further plans they have in mind.

The position of Russia, her heroic fight and her growing need of the weapons of war has made the issue of production in this country one of the greatest moment.

There is no question that the public would whole-heartedly endorse any drastic action that Government might feel themselves compelled to take to secure the maximum output, and any sacrifices and hardships that such a course entailed would be borne both willingly and gladly.

Target Of Production

Government are by no means deaf to the entreaties that have been made to them but their desire is to attain with the maximum of dislocation the target of production at which they have aimed.

There is every reason to believe that further steps are contemplated by Government in the use of the extraordinary powers conferred on them by Parliament in the early days of their existence, more especially in regard to women.

Women Conscripts

Large numbers of women are required by the Auxiliary Territorial Service so that fit men can be released for fighting, and it would cause little surprise in political circles if a measure of compulsion is enforced, especially among younger women who are not doing work of national importance.

Over the whole field of national effort Government have a heavy responsibility to discharge but their task has been made easier by the fact that never before has there been such unity of purpose among the people.

Many dark and anxious times may still lie ahead but if Government, conscious only of the need for victory, act with boldness, firmness and decision, they will have the unquestioned support of the nation.—Reuter.

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SANG TO DOLL AMID RUINS

Eileen Algar, 8, sang to her doll to keep up her spirits when she was buried in the ruins of her home in a raid on an East Anglian coast town.

The sound of her voice guided rescue squads to where she and her parents lay under tons of debris. She was rescued with bruises and a cut leg.

Her first question was if her parents and little friend were saved.

When they were dug out hours later, her parents were dead. An uncle was dug out alive.

Taken to a rescue centre, Eileen said to the matron: "I am all right now aren't I? I was in hospital once and I did not die then so I shall be all right now."

"I cannot remember what I sang," she told the "Daily Mirror." "The doll I was singing to was in a cot at the end of the bed, but I am afraid she is buried and could not get out."

Severe Hunan Battle

A severe battle is now raging over the entire North Hunan front. The Japanese have thrown more than 100,000 men into the campaign, with the defenders offering stubborn resistance.

Simultaneously with land operations, there has been intensified enemy aerial activity against the Chinese positions, with Japanese bombers incessantly attacking Chinese troop concentrations.

In the Tungting Lake region, fresh Japanese attempts to land marines to the south of the Chinese line have failed.

On the northern bank of the Milo River, Chinese flank attacks are making appreciable progress.

In the direction of Pingkiang, a Japanese column has crossed the Milo River. The Japanese are attempting to consolidate their position on the southern bank and fighting is growing in severity.—Central News.

OUR AIRMEN LEARN GERMAN

Anticipating a lengthy occupation of Germany after the war the R.A.F. are busy learning German.

A recent census showed that 1,300 men and 200 W.A.A.F.s are taking German lessons and, the Air Ministry stated, "the interest is definitely growing."

LOST TIME, SAYS M.P.

"I don't care what the Prime Minister says, it is perfectly obvious that there is loss of time, labour and money going on, particularly in munition works. Time is being squandered."

Mr. C. T. Culverwell, Conservative M.P. for Bristol W., said this and he had in mind Mr. Churchill's recent complaint that he was "concerned at the effects produced abroad" by the criticism made in the recent two-day debate on production.

"Apt To Slack Off"

He also said:—

"The Government is apt to slack off and not do all that it might."

Mr. Culverwell's criticism of the Government's mining policy follows recent charges in the House of Commons on aircraft production.

Mr. Churchill promised to initiate a third day's debate on production, during which he would make a comprehensive statement.

ANGLO-SOVIET GET TOGETHER AT TEHERAN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Teheran: Delayed)

OUTSIDE AN UNCOMPLETED MACHINE-GUN FACTORY IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF TEHERAN, WHERE BRITISH TROOPS ARE BILLETED, BRITISH AND SOVIET TROOPS HELD A CEREMONIAL PARADE.

Drawn up facing each other at each end of a large open space, the formations saluted both generals and cheered each other.

The Russians produced an impressive continuous roar like an American college shout, lasting half a minute.

At the end of the ceremony, the contingents marched past the generals and wheeled into a vast empty workshop where 600 bottles of beer were waiting.

A Soviet band in white tunics and dark breeches played as the men drank their beer.

The British contingent consisted of one of the world's smartest regiments, a West Country Yeomanry regiment, Gurkhas, Artillery and other regiments, and the Soviet soldiers included tank troops, mechanised infantry, infantry and engineers.

Trips Into Teheran

The British troops have now settled in great comfort in the machine-gun factory building, which is almost completed though lacking machinery.

Afternoons and evenings, men off duty are allowed to enter Teheran where amiably curious crowds gather round them as they wander from shop to shop buying miniatures made in the great art centre of Isfahan or delicate filigree made in Tabix.

Persians also flock to the city's many beer gardens to watch the British troops at close quarters.

Persians are particularly impressed by the fact that off duty the British troops (except the Gurkhas) carry no arms. The Gurkhas always wear kukris (long curved knives).

Soviet officers occasionally are seen in Teheran but never Soviet soldiers. — Reuter.

A.R.P. Tunnel Men Paid On Basis Of Results

HO HOK-PUI, P.W.D. foreman, was again called at the resumed hearing of the A.R.P. Inquiry this morning when he produced books as instructed yesterday, recording the number of workmen engaged by the sub-contractors on the tunnelling job in Kowloon, from September 20, 1940, to date.

Witness told Mr. Justice Cressall, chairman of the Commission, that although the number of workmen engaged on the different sites was recorded, there was no entry in the books showing the rate of pay as the men were not paid by the day, but on results.

Chairman: In these books, the names of all the workmen employed by the sub-contractors have been entered?—We do not have the names, just the number of men on the job.

That's right, it's the number we want. The point is, if we go through all these books and add up the numbers, we can get the total number of workmen employed since the job started? —Yes, one can find that out from the books, though we have never added the numbers up ourselves.

And is the rate of pay entered? —The workmen were not paid at so much per day, but according to the amount of work done.

And is that entered?—In these books here, the number of workmen employed by the sub-contractors is entered, but no record is kept of the amount of work done. That is included in the morning reports.

Check On Work

So these books contain the number of workmen? — Yes.

And the morning report the amount of work they did? — Yes.

And the work is checked by a Government foreman?—The No. 1 foreman would check the work the other foremen have entered.

Mr. George Tsang would check the amount of work done during the night?—Yes.

And Mr. Tsang would make out the morning report on these reports?—Yes.

So that the morning reports are made out from your reports? —That is so.

So if you purposely put down more work than has actually been done, the workmen would get more pay?—We can't do that because there is a plan.

Never So Dishonest

Well, what about it?—We will never be so dishonest.

The sub-contractors pay the workmen a daily wage?—I have no idea.

And the sub-contractors are paid by Kin Lee according to the length of the tunnel they have excavated, so much per foot?—That I don't know.

You do not know the arrangement with the sub-contractors?—I don't know, sir.

Which are the small books containing the number of sub-contractors' workmen?—Witness produced the books, explaining the system followed at the same time. There was also a smaller book amongst the lot and when asked what that was replied "We used this small book as it was nearing completion of the job and we wanted to save Government paper."

"Cannot Say"

Mr. Bellamy (to witness): You told us that the sub-contractors were not paid per day, but so much per lineal foot or cubic yard. —I cannot say as Kin Lee employed them.

You said they were paid by results, that is what we call piece work?—I have no idea.

You do not know whether Kin Lee pays the sub-contractors by results, or the sub-contractor pays his workmen by results?—I have no idea sir, I cannot say.

Mr. D. H. Blake then explained that his instructions were that Kin Lee paid the sub-contractors for their work and they in turn paid the labourers per day.

CONFOUND THEIR KNAVISH TRICKS

Since the days of the last war, when embryo pilots were warned to "Beware of the Hun in the Sun," the German pilots have had a reputation for trickiness. Some of the dodges they employ are fair enough; some definitely of the "below the belt" variety. In this respect the Nazi fliers are neither better nor worse than their compatriots in the other German forces. From fifth columnists to sailors flying false colours; from parachute troops in the uniforms of their enemy to "tourists" and trojan-horse troops playing bands, the Germans dearly love a trick or a disguise. It should have been a German who first said "All's fair in . . . war."

One of the tricks which the Luftwaffe has tried to pull over the R.A.F. is to fly patrols of fighters at sea level, cunningly camouflaged to blend with the sea. The idea is to get beneath British aircraft unobserved, and pull up into an attack from below. Another trick is for a bomber to drop coloured flares when attacked. Sometimes the Hun is signalling to his escort fighters for help, but it may simply be a ruse to "give pause" to the attacker.

Nazi crews sometimes bale out when shot down and dive their apparently empty machine towards the sea. But one member has stayed behind for a while—in order to fire a Parthian shot at the British pilot approaching, to witness the end of his victim. Another trick is occasionally to instal a gun on a bomber in an unusual position on an otherwise familiar aircraft. A fighter pilot approaching a known blind spot may perhaps be met with a disconcerting burst of gunfire.

The Italians are not above copying the trickiness of their Axis friends. One dodge is for the ground defences to lie completely "doggo" under a British pilot's air attack, in the hope that he will come down low to take a closer look at the target. This is the signal for heavy and co-ordinated A.A. fire, including short range pom-pom guns.

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SOVIET SHIPS TOLD TO TAKE SHELTER

The Berlin official radio announced that instructions have been issued by the Soviet Government to all Soviet ships at present in the China and South Seas to make immediately for the nearest British or Dutch harbour.

Hong Kong and the ports of the Dutch East Indies were mentioned as the main places capable of offering shelter to the Soviet ships.

SERGEANT IN R.A.F. POSTER IS MISSING

A young R.A.F. sergeant-observer, whose portrait looks down from the hoardings in a war-time appeal, has been posted missing, believed killed. His name is Ernest John Holland.

His pointing finger gave emphasis to his message: "You can help to build me a 'plane."

CRASHED AIR CREW 11 DAYS ADRIFT

Two airmen gave their lives in an unsuccessful effort to save four other R.A.F. men drifting in a dinghy after a forced landing in the Mediterranean.

Three hours later the men in the boat were picked up after being at sea for eleven days.

The survivors, a pilot-officer and three sergeants, are recuperating in hospital.

In their boat they had only one and a half pints of water, nine biscuits, 15 pieces of chewing gum, and some chocolate.

They rationed the water in two teaspoonfuls twice daily.

On the ninth day they were seen by an R.A.F. flyingboat, but a destroyer sent out to rescue them was unsuccessful.

On the eleventh morning they saw on the horizon four British destroyers.

Two of the airmen on board the dinghy plunged overboard and set out on a four-mile swim. They were never seen again.

Eventually the ships vanished out of sight.

It was largely due to the efforts of two Dornier aeroplanes—at one time part of the Yugoslav Fleet Arm, and now attached to an R.A.F. squadron — that they were brought to safety, for three hours later the aeroplanes sighted the dinghy.

A destroyer was summoned and picked up the exhausted men.

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CUT IN DUTY ON WHEAT

It is understood that the Government of India is considering a reduction of the import duty on wheat at the earliest possible moment, according to a Reuter telegram from Bombay this morning.

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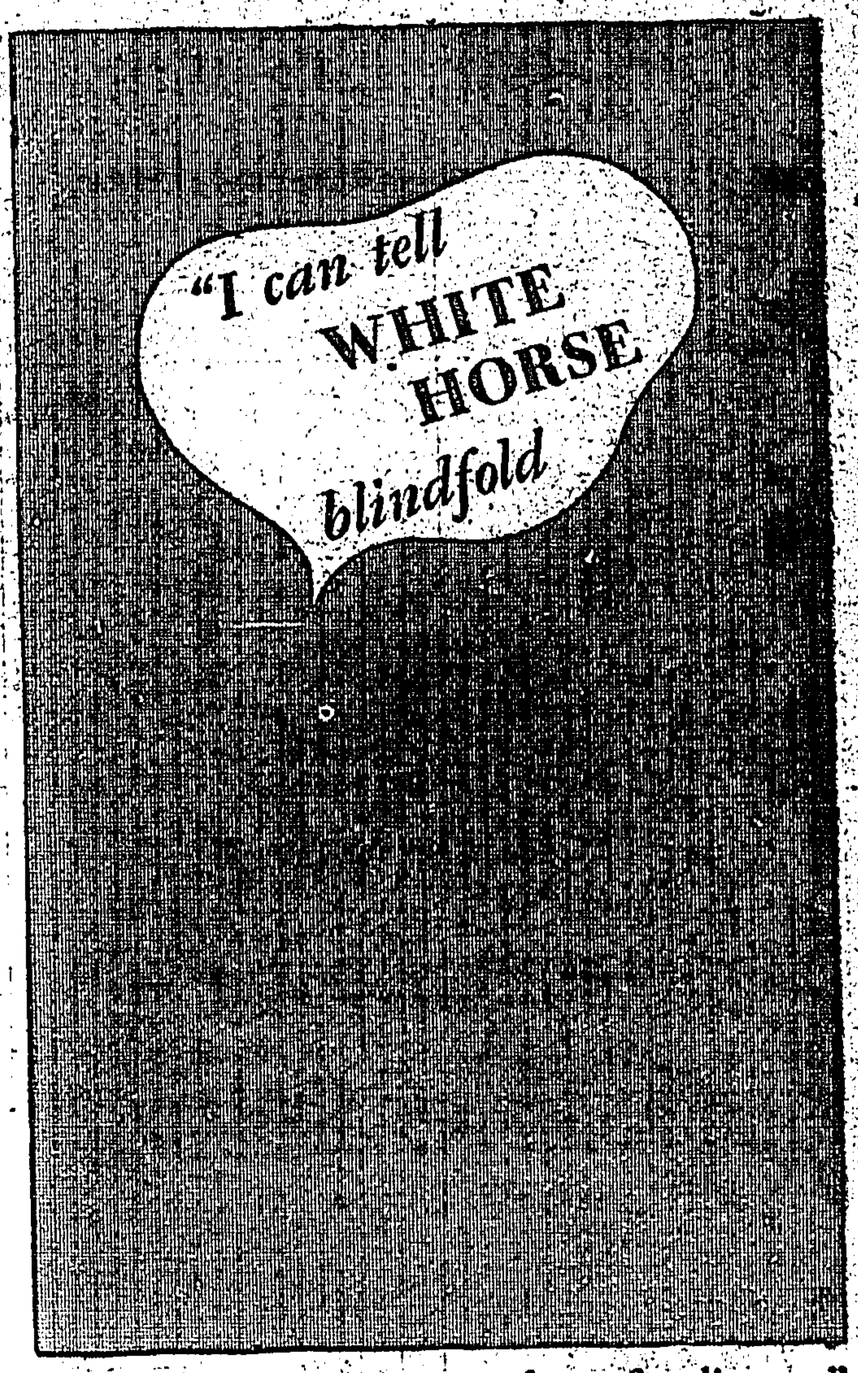
NOTHING DOING

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo states: "Nothing of importance to report."—British Wireless.



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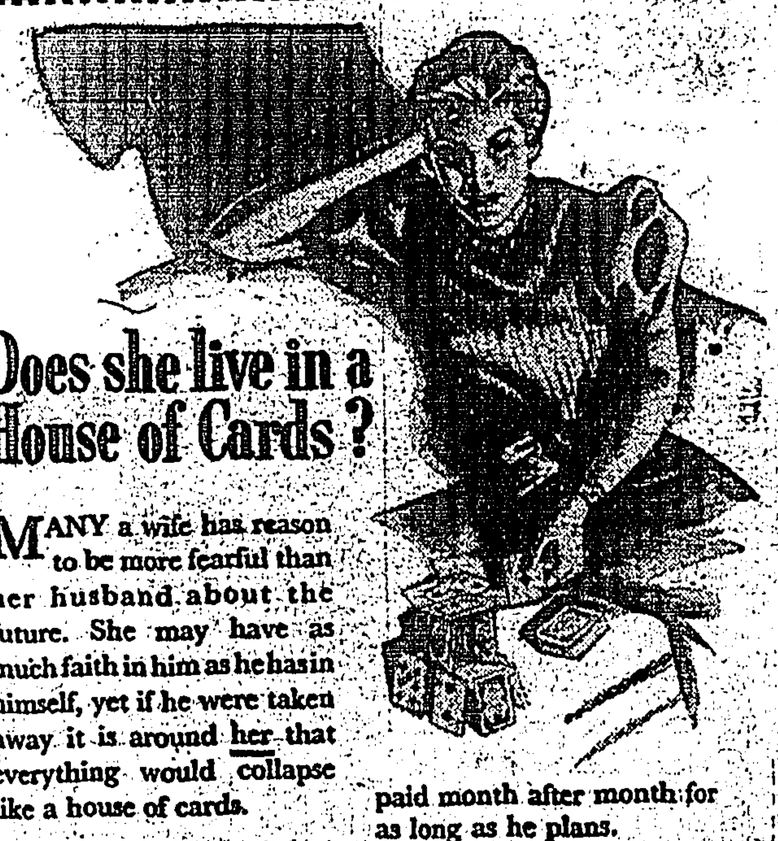

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4321.	Chatham Road and Gillies Avenue between San Wai Street and Pak Kung Street, Hok Un.	ft. As per sale plan	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 37,800	$694	$28,350

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 6244.	Wong Nei Chung Gap Road.	ft. As per sale plan	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 15,200	$174	$4,560

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING
"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets $1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.)

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $1.00 including tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING FULL VALUE
By The Four Aces

The summer championships in contract bridge now being played at Asbury Park, N.J., remind us of a hand played there last year. The play illustrates a point of particular importance to tournament players:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ 10 5 4 3
◇ 10 7 3
♣ 8 7 2

WEST
♠ K Q 2
♡ K 9
◇ A Q 4
♣ A J 9 6 3

EAST
♠ J 9 8 5
♡ 8 7 6 2
◇ J 9 2
♣ K 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♡ A Q J
◇ K 8 6 5
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Poor South had a good enough no-trump bid but was unfortunate enough to be caught with a worthless dummy and two strong and aggressive opponents. As the play developed, it soon became apparent to both sides that the East-West cards were strong enough to have produced a vulnerable game but for the turn the bidding had taken.

Now in tournament play, each hand is played at many different tables; and the object at each table is to do better with the cards than was done at any other table. So South, doomed to defeat as he was, was still trying to lose less than the value of a vulnerable game — for that's what the North-South players would probably lose at other tables. And East-West were trying to set South four tricks so as to get more than the value of their vulnerable game.

West opened the six of clubs, East winning and returning the suit. West won the second trick with the Jack of clubs and laid down the Ace, getting the deuce of hearts from East. West then postponed the cashing of the rest of the clubs, shifting to the King of spades.

South wisely refused to win the trick, and refused the next spade lead also. That prevented West from giving the lead to his partner later on with a spade. Now West had to be careful. He cashed his two good clubs, noting that South discarded two diamonds. Thereupon West boldly led the Ace and a low diamond, knocking out South's diamond King. West later got in with the King of Hearts to cash the Queen of diamonds for the coveted four trick set.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♡ K Q 9 7 4
◇ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is the normal bid of the higher-ranking suit on a hand which contains two good biddable suits of equal length.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 830

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? Answer tomorrow.

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10-DAY BAG—4 NAZIS

During the ten days after a Canadian "Wings for Britain" fund Spitfire named "King's Messenger" had joined a famous fighter squadron it accounted for four enemy aircraft.

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The honeymoon is over when the groom discovers money slips through the bride's fingers as easily as it does his own.

AN AIR GUNNER'S TRIBUTE

AS THE CREW OF A BOMBER ABOUT TO SET OUT ON ONE OF THE RECENT HEAVY RAIDS ON NORTH WEST GERMANY WERE WALKING TOWARDS THEIR DISPERSAL POINT, THE PILOT SAW HIS GUNNER PICK A FEW POPPIES. HE WONDERED WHAT THE GUNNER WANTED WITH THEM.

It was a hard journey, with bad weather and fierce anti-aircraft fire from the target, but the crew did their work well, taking time to make sure of their position and aim. They saw some sheds in a ship-building yard blown to pieces by their bombs.

It was not till they had landed safely that the pilot remembered the poppies and asked the rear gunner what he had done with them.

"I dropped them out when the bombs went down," the rear gunner said. "They were for Boxer, my mate. He went down there a few weeks ago."

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INTERNED STAR ON RADIO

Mr. Henry Mollison, the British West End actor, took part in a concert broadcast from an internment camp in Germany by Bremen radio.

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Bringing Up Father

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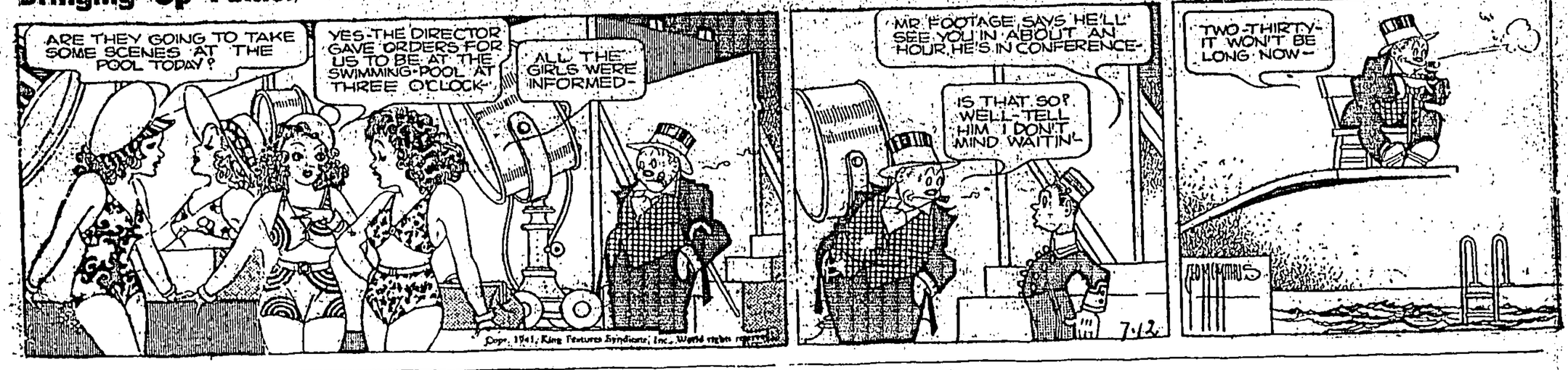

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eat Right Food To Keep Beautiful

Statistics show that as large a percentage of the upper income group are as poorly nourished as those in the lower income group. This is attributed to ignorance of food values and nothing else.

The fad diets of recent years (such as skimmed milk and bananas) are scorned by those working for the public welfare. Beauty of body depends on properly balanced daily menus that supplies vitamins and minerals in plenty—and no woman can continue to be healthy, strong and beautiful on a less scientific eating plan.

Try to include in your meals every day—MILK, 1 pint or more; TOMATOES, ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT, GREEN CABBAGE, RAW SALAD GREENS, 1 or more servings; LEAFY GREEN, OR YELLOW VEGETABLES, 1 or more servings; OTHER VEGETABLES OR FRUIT, 2 or more servings; EGGS 1 a day or at least 3 or 4 a week (you may count those used in puddings and other cooking); LEAN MEAT, POULTRY FISH, 1 or more servings; CEREALS AND BREAD, at least 2 servings of whole-grain products or "enriched" bread; SOME FATS, SOME SWEETS (in moderation — molasses, syrups, honey, jellies, jams, sugars, and desserts); AND SIX OR MORE GLASSES OF WATER, sunshine is vitally necessary to all.

Rare, alluring beauty such as Janet Blair has is only possible if health is up to par.

Good Menus Pay Dividends

Women who complain of general beauty problems such as poor complexions, tired and fading hair, minor aches, breaking fingernails, are really complaining about malnutrition. They may eat hearty meals but those meals may not be well balanced. They may eat what they like and not eat what they should to keep their bodies in good working order.

The right food builds and repairs your body, keeps it in good running order, gives you energy for work and play, helps to prolong your prime of life and is the basis of good health which is, after all, the foundation of beauty.

Impeccable Beauty

There is a tendency on the part of some women, to "let down" too much during summer and early autumn. They feel so full of fresh air and sunshine that they let a lethargy slowly get the best of them and before they know it, their external beauty is in need of much reconditioning.

Time was when college girls and athletic women scorned the details of impeccable grooming. They let their hair fly willy-nilly or screwed it up in an unbecoming tight knot. They refused to hear about the good work of depilatories and the necessity of protecting the skin against the elements. The result was, as you may guess, they looked unlovely and older even though they may have been in the pink of health.

To-day's sportswoman does everything to look her loveliest at all times. Active sports clothes are beautifully cut and tailored. Complexions are kept soft by the protection of creams or lotions. Coiffures are kept in place by becoming sports hats, bandanas or turbans. And a lipstick is as essential to a golfer as her golf balls!

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Habit Makes Perfect

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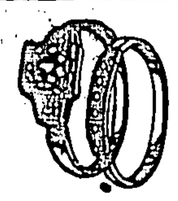
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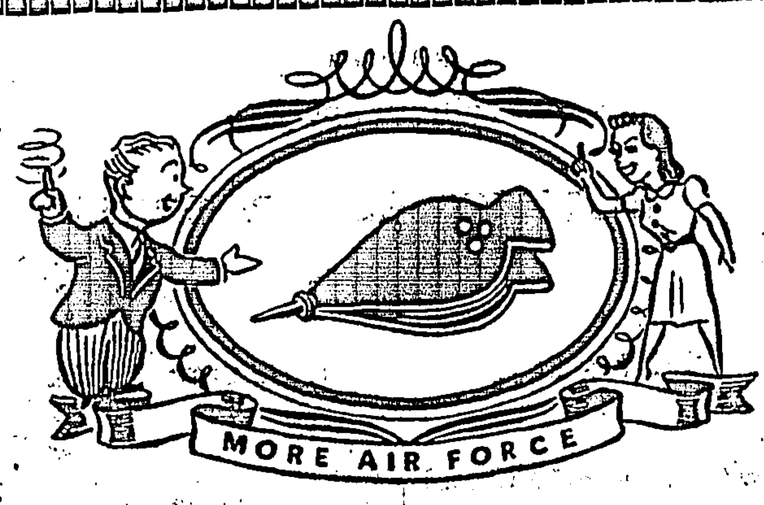

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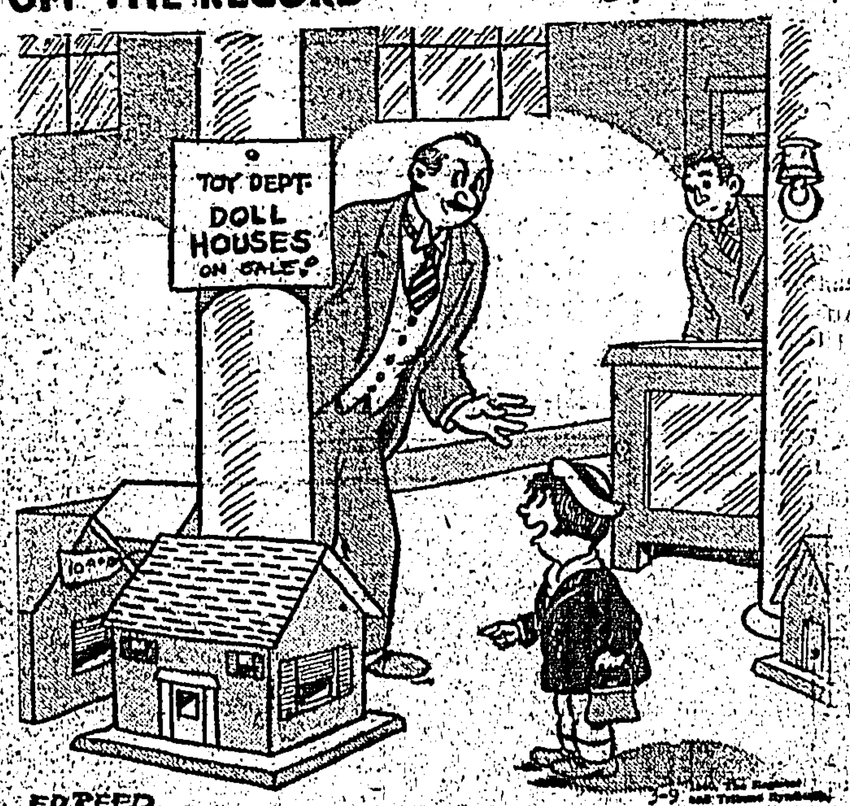

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Gladys Swarthout (Mezzo-Soprano).
Mighty Lak' A Rose (Nevin); The Rosary (Nevin; arr. Altendorf).... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice (from "Samson and Delila"—Saint-Saens) ....Gladys Swarthout with Orch.
Salut D'Amour (Elgar); I Kiss Your Lips (Rudolphe)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
Could I Be In Love (William Metrigan Daly); Paradise In Waltz Time (Coslow) (both from the film "Champagne Waltz") .... Gladys Swarthout with Orchestra.
Potpourri Of Waltzes — No. 2 (Robrecht)....Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet and The Massed Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.
By Land And Sea—Ceremonial March (Alford); The Middy—Quick March (Alford) .... The Band of H.M. Royal Marines.
Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan); Agincourt (Willan); Here's A Health Unto His Majesty (Harris) ....John Goss & Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
Ship Ahoy March—Intro: The Sea Is England's Glory; The Lads In Navy Blue; Ship Ahoy; Sons Of The Sea (arr. MacKenzie). Sea Songs Medley (No. 3)—Intro: Princess Royal; Admiral Benbow; Portsmouth; Life On The Ocean Waves (arr. Vaughan Williams) .... Massed Bands of The Royal Marines.
Rio Grande; Billy Boy (Sea Shanties); Shenandoah (Sea Shanty—arr. Terry)....John Goss and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
On The Quarter Deck—Quick March (Alford)....Band of H.M. Royal Marines.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge in Variety.
Vocal—The Empire Depends On You (Vivian Ellis)....Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra; Keep It Under Your Hat (Hulbert-Erard & Tafford) (both from "Under Your Hat")....Cicely Courtneidge Jack Hulbert & The Rhythm Brothers with Orchestra.
Accordeon—My Rhythm (Munsonius); Wind And Waves (Zander).... Jungherr's Accordeon Melodians.
Sketch—The Cure (Hiccoughs) (Dion Titheradge)....Cicely Courtneidge & Jack Hulbert assisted by Laurence Green & Cecile Dixon.
Swingers—Hot Pie—Intro: I Got Rhythm; China Boy; Alice Blue Gown; Hot Lips; Aunt Hagar's Blues; Am I Blue .... The Six Swingers.
Vocal & Talking—The Little Toy Train (McLaren-Hulbert); The Birthday Of The Little Princess (Gay)....Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Gerald Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm.
Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (from film "Her Master's Voice"); Quick-Step—Taggin' Along With You.... Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—Just Remember; Quick-Step—My Gal Mezzanine.... Gerry Moore (Piano solo).
Fox-Trots—Ti-Pi-Tin; Always and Always (from film "Mannequin") ....Gerry Moore & his Rhythm.
Slow Fox-Trot—When Two Love Each Other; Quick-Step—Don't You Care What Anyone Says....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—I'm Building A Sailboat Of Dreams....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
7.15 p.m.—Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).
Dancing On The Ceiling; Just By Your Example (both from "Evergreen")....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"The Town Talks"—Piano Medley (Ellis)....Vivian Ellis.
When You've Got A Little Springtime In Your Heart (from film "Evergreen"—Harry Woods) .... Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"On Your Toes"—Piano Medley—Intro: On Your Toes; The Heart Is Quicker Than The Eye (Hart & Rodgers)....Vivian Ellis.
7.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Hail Vienna—Potpourri (Dostal); "Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Selection (Abraham); "Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan).... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Ketelbey Programme.
Sunbeams and Butterflies; In The Moonlight...The London Palladium Orchestra.
The Vision Of Fuji-San .... Reginald Foort (Organ solo).
In A Persian Market....Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
By The Blue Hawaiian Waters—Intro: The "Hula" Dance; The "Kanaka" Lover Appears; The Song of the "Hula" Girl; Dance Of The Betrothal Ceremony...Reginald Foort (Organ).
Sanctuary Of The Heart....The London Palladium Orchestra.
'Appy 'Ampstead (from "Cockney Suite")....Albert Ketelbey & his Concert Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Record Review arranged by John Abbott.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Berlioz—"King Lear" Overture, Op. 4. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Short Piano Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
Evocacion (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz).
10.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and The Boston Promenade Orchestra...
Cagliostro Waltz, Op. 370 (Johann Strauss)....Boston Promenade Orch.
The Wanderer (arr. Palmgreen); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child; Poem (Minstrel); Man (Hughes) .... Paul Robeson with Piano.
Spanish Dance In G Minor, Op. 12, No. 2 (Moszkowski); Bolero In D Major (Spanish Dance Op. 12, No. 5—Moszkovski)....The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Love Song (from film "Sanders of the River"—Wimperis)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
Song Of India (from "Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Intermezzo (from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni)....The Boston Orch.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondent".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

BRITISH WOMEN PILOTS HANDLE EVEN BOMBERS

(By Walter Kerr)

BRITISH WOMEN PILOTS have delivered thousands of planes from factories to airfields and from fields to advance stations in the year and a half since they were incorporated in the Air Transport Auxiliary, Captain Pauline Gower, their thirty-one-year-old director, said.

In recent weeks, they have been allowed to handle Great Britain's most powerful fighter 'planes and a number of fast twin-engined bombers. The other day the Air Ministry authorised their commander to increase the number of pilots from forty to eighty.

Dressed in dark blue uniforms, these young women report at their aerodromes at dawn every day in the week. A transport 'plane takes them up and drops them off at factory fields or training centres. On an average day a pilot may fly a primary trainer to a field several hundred miles away, step into a Hurricane fighter and ferry it to an advance station and then wind up the afternoon by taking a heavy bomber from one part of the country to another. In the evening a transport brings her back to the home field.

At all times the job is dangerous, for there are hazards to be met, and yet Amy Johnson is the only one of the service who has lost her life.

The women's section was organised and is directed by Captain Gower, who has been flying for eleven years. She still flies, although her right arm is in a sling and may be in one permanently, as the indirect result of an accident suffered several years ago. She began flying when she was twenty and paid for the lessons and bought her first 'plane by giving violin lessons and recitals, lecturing on Greek mythology and writing magazine articles.

In the nine years before the war she flew for several flying circuses, ran an air taxi service, wrote a book, "Women With Wings," and helped to direct the government-sponsored pilot training project. She believes that she piloted some, 32,000 persons in those years.

After months of persuasion she finally was allowed to organise the women's ferry service and started on January 1, 1940, with eight pilots. At first they handled primary trainers. When more than 1,000 had been delivered without accident, the women were allowed to ferry light bombers and advance trainers. Before taking on the country's best 'planes, they attended the central flying school and were authorised to start their own school, which is directed by Junior Captain Margaret Abbage, the former Margaret Cunnison.

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GRANNIE, 74, DEFIES BOMBS

Bombs can't drive "Grannie" Mary Campbell, 74-year-old Merseyside raid heroine from her home.

In the last raid on the area, she—

Crawled through a hole to safety from a bombed crypt; escaped from her bed when the roof of her home collapsed from a direct hit; got away from a burning rest centre.

She was evacuated to a home in the country, but returned this week to her old environment in a congested working-class area waiting for her home to be repaired so that she can move into it again.

The first thing she discovered was the disappearance of her bed. Someone had stolen it in her absence.

"I must have been born under a lucky star," she said.

"The devil—that's Hitler—may follow me, but he will never get me.

"Hitler can do his worst, but he's not driving me from home.

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A NAZI APOLOGIA FOR SLOWNESS IN RUSSIA

A LENGTHY EXPOSE OF GERMAN AIMS ON RUSSIA AND AN EXPLANATORY OUTLINE OF THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF THE GERMAN-SOVIET WAR WAS PUBLISHED IN THE INFLUENTIAL "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG."

The paper reiterated that the military aim of the Germans is to weaken the Soviets in a decisive manner in order that Bolshevism should cease to be a danger for Europe. This aim has been partially achieved.

The fact that German operations in the East are proceeding more slowly than in previous campaigns results from the very nature of this war, the paper added. Germany is now fighting a country whose population is five times greater than that of France, whose expanse is infinitely more vast, and whose political leaders have been making use during the past twenty years of the entire power of the population of 200,000,000 to give a military strength to the revolutionary idea.

Admittance Of Difficulty

"This is why the final campaign Germany has launched on the continent is the hardest, but it is also the biggest job completed when we end this campaign," the "Frankfurter Zeitung" asserted.

"As for the question of knowing who will come out the victor, no informed mind can have any doubt over that to-day," the paper went on. "The first ten weeks of the war revealed that the Soviet army disposed of more troops and war material than any other, also that its resistance was stubborn and tenacious, but these last ten weeks proved, and in a decisive manner, the superiority of German men and arms.

The view supported by the British press that the Russians could gradually fall back behind the Dnieper and then the Volga is false, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" said.

"If the western regions of the Russian empire are of no value, then why don't the Soviets withdraw? Why, do they defend every province and every village in the western and central sectors?" the paper wondered. "The reply is simple. The Russians are compelled to do so for it is in these areas that their principal munitions plants are situated."

Napoleonic Parallel Disagreeable

Asserting that there can be no comparison between the Napoleonic campaign and the present one, and that the Russian winter will actually start within seven or eight weeks only, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" stressed that "never before have we better realised that in this struggle we are fighting to preserve some bourgeois welfare, but that we are faced with an alternative, that of decadence or greatness, annihilation or victory."

"Our defeat would not simply mean the loss of a few provinces, but the material disappearance of millions of souls, a life of misery and slavery for all others," the paper concluded. "The German Army is fighting to-day to prevent subjugation and to open finally the way to a world community. Part of the way has already been covered and the path will be pursued to the end."

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STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange continues cheerful with the markets again mostly firm. Fair investment enquiry was evident but the shortage of stock restricts business. Gilt-edged and India loans gained further ground while breweries were good features among industrials and American issues in oils. Argentine rails improved on local political developments but Brazil bonds reflected disappointment in connection with the coffee loan redemption tender acceptances. Kaffirs responded well to Cape demand. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

JAPANESE OBJECT TO DUTCH "V"

THE NETHERLANDS CONSULATE-GENERAL IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING AMONG DUTCH RESIDENTS IN KOBE LABELS WITH THE LETTER "V" ON THEM.

These labels posted in the homes and offices of the local Dutch residents were ordered to be removed by the Japanese authorities.

The offending label is about 5 inches wide and 6 inches long with an orange background. In the centre is a black letter "V." To the left is a pedestal of three pillars supporting the Crown of the Royal House of Orange Nassau. On the pillars are written the Dutch words "Waakzaam" ("without neglect"). "Werkzaam" (work hard"), and "Weerbaar" ("take to arms"). At the base of the pedestal are the words "De Pilers Van Ons Werel Drijk" (a symbol of world construction).

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WOMEN "BEHIND THE MIKE"

The first women engaged by the B.B.C.'s engineering division have begun training with microphones and other studio and outside broadcasting gear. They produce their own programmes.

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Telephones (New) $9.30 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements $16.85 b.
H.K. Ropes $10½ sa.
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Dairy Farms $19¼ b., $19.35/½ sa.
Watsons $13.60 b., $13½/60 sa.
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Wm. Powell, Ltd. $1.85 b.
MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments $6.90 b.
Constructions (Old) $1¾ b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
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1,580 Hotels @ $4¼
100 Trams @ $18
1,000 Electrics (New) @ $23
100 Macao Elec.: @ $18½
500 Telephones (Old) @ $25
500 Ropes @ $10½
200 Dairy Farms @ $19.35
300 Dairy Farms @ $19½
350 Watsons @ $13½
700 Watsons @ $13.60

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TOYS FOR WAR

Holding a jumble sale of their toys, Shortlands (Kent) children raised £10 and gave half to the Aircraft Fund. The Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges the gift with gratitude.

TROJANS BREAK THEIR DUCK

Results of the Open League basketball matches played at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday were:—

Trojans	47	V.R.C.	23
Wah Kiu	47	Yu Leang	33

Goal-scorers were:—

Trojans:—Pun Kwong Yim 22, Thompson 16, Solecki 9.

V.R.C.:—Azedo 2, Maxwell 4, Ozorio 2, Roza-Pereira 4, Xavier 2, E. Rosario 8, L. Rosario 1.

Wah Kiu:—Tung Fuk-hon 12, Lau Ping-shan 8, Lo Kai-ming 6, Luk Yan-keung 8, Lam Kin-yan 2, Kwong Chi-hung 3, Chung Wai-heung 2, Tung Yu-ming 6.

Yu Leang:—Ng Chi-ngai 22, Chau Lai-kwong 2, Kam Yin 8, Sam Chow-wing 1.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	6	6	0	12
South China	6	6	0	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
National University	6	5	1	10
Wah Kiu	7	5	2	10
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents' Union	6	3	3	6
Indian Police	5	2	3	4
Youths	5	2	3	4
Yu Leang	6	1	5	2
Bank Union	6	1	5	2
Ping Ching	6	1	5	2
Trojans	7	1	6	2
V.R.C.	7	0	7	0

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LANEFORD SUCCESS AT BOWLS

At Happy Valley yesterday, Laneford Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 9 shots in a friendly Lawn Bowls match.

C.S.C.C.		Laneford	
E. Purvis		A. J. Prata	
M. Scott		S. Carr.	
A. B. Allan		A. B. Hamson	
V. S. Ebbage		W. G. Ogley	
(Skip)	25	(Skip)	15
C. J. Walker		F. Hall	
W. D. Gardner		T. Edgar	
J. Gellatly		H. W. Randall	
H. E. Strange		E. C. Fincher	
(Skip)	11	(Skip)	26
J. Hempsey		E. F. S. Baker	
F. McGowan		J. Lodge	
S. Eccleshall		L. Jack	
E. W. C. Simmonds		F. Goodwin	
(Skip)	20	(Skip)	24
Total	56		65

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Recreio Bowls Changes

Recreio are making a great many changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls League team for this week-end from the team that appeared last—on August 24—and one of the rinks will have a new skip. This is the four to be led by O. P. Remedios, which will comprise E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto and M. A. Carvalho, as against L. A. Rosario, J. R. Soares, M. F. Alarcon and M. A. Carvalho for their last match.

C. C. Pereira will have Rosario and H. M. Xavier as Nos. 1 and 2 in place of Barros and G. A. Guterres respectively, while M. L. da Roza and E. A. R. Alves will be the first two men for A. P. Pereira instead of F. P. Sequeira and C. P. Basto.

Civil Service are also making a number of changes. Rakusen will have Harper as lead in place of McKay, while McGowan, who was skip to Simmonds, Walker and Collyer, will go No. 3 to Hillyer, for whom Gellatly will be No. 1 in place of Crawley. Strange, who takes over McGowan's rink, will have Purvis, Burling and Collyer as his front men.

Police have made no changes for their First Division Lawn Bowls match for this week.

Following are the selected teams:

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v Kowloon Dock R.C., home, at 4.30 p.m.):—M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, L. A. Collyer and H. E. Strange (skip); H. F. Harper, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, J. F. McGowan and W. R. Hillyer (skip). Reserve: C. Walker.

CLUB DE RECREIO

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., away):—L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip); M. L. da Roza, E. A. R. Alves, H. R. Pinna and A. P. Pereira (skip); E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto, M. A. Carvalho and O. P. Remedios (skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v K.B.G.C. "A", away):—W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (skip); C. Gough, J. M. Forrest, E. G. Post and J. C. S. Fender (skip); W. Cameron, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Hollands (skip).

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER TO BRAVE SHARKS

PAUL CHOTTEAU IS TRAINING FOR HIS THIRD ATTEMPT TO SWIM FROM BIMINI TO THE FLORIDA COAST, A FEAT THAT REQUIRES EXPOSING HIS 235 POUNDS TO SHARKS FOR AT LEAST 30 HOURS, WRITES LUTHER EVANS.

Chotteau's sponsor, Edwin C. Hersh, a New York insurance broker with nothing better to do with his money, says the swim is an obsession with the 43-year-old Frenchman.

Challenging ugly hammerheads and 60 miles of surging Gulf Stream tides is an unusual hobby and, in Chotteau's case, a tough way in which to try to make a few honest dollars.

Chotteau, a concert violinist by profession, discarded his fiddle for a specific reason. He tells you frankly that he could use some money.

World Champion

Recognised by the A.A.U. as the world champion open water distance swimmer, the robust paddler hopes to cash in, if successful, through personal appearances and endorsements.

Twice last year Chotteau failed. On the first attempt he was pulled into the boat suffering from cramp after navigating 38 miles.

Nine miles from Palm Beach was the closest he could get to land on the second try.

When hauled from the water, after 36 hours and 2 minutes, he had established a world open water record by swimming 144½ miles.

The difficulty was that he was steadily being swept farther out to sea.

Other Unusual Feats

Chotteau, Olympic 1,500-metre champion of 1920, began distance swimming in 1930, when he paddled 44 miles from Catalina Island to Santa Monica, Calif., after failing in five earlier efforts. In 1930, he made it from Santa Barbara to Venice, Calif., a distance of 51 miles.

Chotteau swims entirely in the nude, with his body covered with lamp-black for protection from the sun. His only equipment is a pair of light goggles.

He is fed liquid food, containing dextrose, glucose and malt-rose at two-hour intervals.

Last year on his second swim Chotteau lost 30 pounds and was confined to a hospital for two days. He takes cod liver oil in large quantities to restore his strength.

Chotteau, who must wait for favourable weather, hopes to make the swim within a month.

First Triumph

Exclusive of the channel swimmers—English and Catalina and the Toronto swim, there have been many unusual aquatic feats.

One of the more unusual was the "paced" record established by Otto Kemmerich in Berlin on a bet in 1928. Kemmerich wagered he could outlast a sea lion at continuous swimming in a pool.

The sea lion, forced to keep on swimming as long as he was able, collapsed after 42 hours. Kemmerich stayed in the pool for 46 hours.

Charles Zimmy, a legless swimmer, set the world endurance record in 1931, when he swam for 10 hours in a Honolulu pool.

Zimmy more recently was credited with swimming down the Hudson from Albany to New York, a distance of 140 miles.

Longest swim on record was a 2,300-mile navigation down the Mississippi from Minneapolis to New Orleans by Fred Newton of Clinton, Okla., in 1931. He was in the water 72 swimming hours.

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"IRON" BUX OFFERED 2,000 PESOS TO LAY DOWN FIGHT IN MANILA

By "Incog."

"Iron" Bux, whose name was a household word amongst followers of boxing in Manila from 1917 to 1923, during which period he won every title of the Philippines from bantamweight to middleweight, in addition to winning the lightweight championship of the Orient, has a record that has not been approached by any other Hong Kong born lad.

For Bux has fought good men and beaten them. He has been hailed by competent judges as a "man who would have gone far in world boxing had he been taken in hand properly," for, as Bux himself admits, he had to pick-up all he knew about boxing with practically no assistance at all until he had reached the top flight amongst Hong Kong fighters.

After he had beaten "Kid" Marriott in a lightweight title fight here, interest began to be shown in the "Iron Man," but that was too late, for Bux had by this time heard of the opportunities for "promising youngsters" in the Philippines, and so Manila became his adopted home for the next decade.

And he adapted himself to the change admirably. He "went, he saw, he conquered," and by reason of the clean and sporting way he went about his fights, he was soon a favourite amongst the Filipinos, who became his camp-followers even against their own countrymen.

Beats Sammy Good

Bux's best fights were against Sammy Good, the Atlantic Coast fighter who was champion of California in the welterweight division. He had more than one scrap with him, and although Good won more times than he did, Bux at last had the satisfaction of upsetting the critics and beating Good on points over 20 rounds in June, 1919.

Bux also met Llew Edwards, the Australian welterweight champion and holder of the Lonsdale Belt, but the hardest hitter Bux came up against was a slim, good-looking sailor off the American Navy by the name of Frank Haynie.

"He was a slim boy, but those punches came like piston rods, and boy, he sure packed a wallop," said Bux, recalling the scrap he had with this boxer when he was badly beaten up, but weathered 15-rounds of punishment.

Bux was so good at one time as a lightweight that he had to fight outside of his class. Welters and Middles held no terrors for him and he was ever ready to oblige with 10 rounds of mixing it with the best of them.

2,000 Pesos Bribe

When he was about to meet Battling Mantell for the lightweight championship of the Orient, somebody offered him 2,000 pesos to lay down the fight, and in this connection the following extract from the "Cablenews-American", of August 15, 1916, makes interesting reading:—

"Iron Bux, champion lightweight of these fair isles, was offered the sum of 2,000 pesos to let Battling Mantell win the 20-round championship bout at the Olympic Club last Saturday night, according to reliable information obtained by the 'Cablenews' and Bux told the gent who offered the coin of the realm to take a trip to a region far warmer than is Manila even in the hot season.

"By his action he has kept the boxing game clean in this city and has won for himself a respect and admiration in the hearts of Manila fight fans that even his great ring ability could never gain."

The fight went the full 20-rounds, Bux winning by a comfortable margin, thus retaining the lightweight title of the Orient, which he won from Rufe Turner on a points decision.

That speaks for itself, and a little later, a racehorse made its appearance on the Manila track, named "Honest Bux" as an added tribute to this gallant boxer.

Last H.K. Bout In 1918

Bux had his last fight in Hong Kong in 1918 — the memorable bout against "Sky" Kerrison for the welterweight title, which ended in a draw — and the last fight of his career in Shanghai, was some 10 years later, under promoter "Sapper" Miles, one of the leading lights who took an interest in Bux in his early days here.

Since then Bux has indulged only in occasional "instructional bouts," and his one great disappointment is that he could never get the Chinese sportsmen interested enough in boxing to "make a go of that sport here."

Bux is still game as ever, and though he maintains he can still "go six rounds with some of the younger fellows," anno domini has overtaken him, and now his son "Iron" Bux jnr., is carrying on the good work in the roped square.

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M. Ferguson and M. R. Abbas (with hat), caught by the camera during the H.R.C.-Kowloon Dock bowls match at Sookunpoo, where Indians won on all rinks. Abbas beat Ferguson 22-20 after having lost the First Round game at the Docks by 13-22.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS TO-DAY

Swimming of a very high standard should be the order of the day at the Colony Swimming Championships at Victoria Recreation Club this evening, commencing at 6.07 p.m. sharp.

The programme opens with the 880 Yards free-style race for men, and by way of sending the 1941 meeting off to a good start, records are expected to go by the board in this very first race, with Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun star performer, holding the spotlight.

The programme for to-day is as follows:—

Colony Championship — Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Chiu Wai-lim (Sing Tao) and Yu Shiu-kan (Chinese "Y").

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke (Junior Championship):—L. A. Marques, C. Marcal, A. Alves and L. Vieira.

Boys' 25 Yards free-style (12 years old and under).

Colony Championship — Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ng Shiu-lin (H.K. and K.R. Union), Miss Li Po-leun (University), Miss Chan Chai-pun (C.B.C.), Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.) and Miss Ko Miu-king (Lai Tsun).

Members' 100 Yards free-style (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style (Junior Championship):—Miss Jeannette Yolle, Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle and Miss Yolanda Remedios.

Colony Championship—Ladies' Fancy Diving (3-Metre Board):—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (C.B.C.).

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke (Junior Championship):—J. M. Gosano, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, E. D. da Rozn and H. Reynolds.

Colony Championship — Ladies' 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.).

Boys' 75 Yards Medley (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

BEAUSITE WINS SWAFFHAM STAKES

The Swaffham Stakes, over a mile and two furlongs, was expected to provide a good test for the Cambridgeshire horses, but various reasons reduced the field to only four runners, two of which had been entered for the race.

The Swaffham Stakes was won by Mrs. James's Beausite, a filly by Boldarcher out of Orama, trained by Colling and ridden by Ephraim Smith. The other Cambridgeshire candidate, Diadoque, Mr. Vlastos' colt by Blandford out of Dulce, was third.

Prince Aly Khan's Annatom, by Titerarl out of Antonina, was second, being beaten by a head, there being four lengths between the second and third horses.

The betting was 5 to 2 Beausite, 4 to 6 Annatom and 100 to 6 Diadoque.

Beausite, it will be recalled, placed second in the Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

In a friendly hockey match at Sookunpoo yesterday, "B" Company, Royal Scots, defeated Royal Army Service Corps by two goals to one.

CRAIGENGOWER'S TENNIS WIN

Army Tennis Club lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 sets to 5 in Third Division of the Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.) beat L. W. Kek and J. W. Leonard 6—4
lost to W. J. Howard and H. K. Wo 0—6
beat W. C. Hung and P. C. Yiu 6—3

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Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Stoner (A.T.C.)
lost to Kek and Leonard ..... 2—6
beat Howard and Wo ..... 6—3
lost to Hung and Yui ..... 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	69½	20½	20
A.T.C.	10	8	2	0	57	24	16
C.C.C.	8	7	1	0	44	28	14
C.R.C. (2)	9	6	3	0	65	20	12
C.D.R.	8	5	2	1	42½	39½	11
K.I.T.C.	8	4	3	1	38½	32½	9
K.C.C.	10	3	7	0	28½	61½	6
C.R.C. (1)	7	2	5	0	24½	33½	4
K.T.C.C.A.	7	2	5	0	10	45	4
H.K.U.T.C.	8	1	7	0	24½	47½	2
I.R.C.	10	0	10	0	19	71	0

COMBINED SMALL UNITS WIN ARMY SWIMMING TITLE

Hong Kong Area (Army) Inter-Unit Swimming Championships, were held at Army Pool last night when Combined Small Units carried off the championship by amassing 70 points, against 62 by Royal Scots, who were runners-up. Combined Royal Artillery and Middlesex Regiment shared third place with 56 points each. Royal Engineers were fifth with 22 points.

At the conclusion of the programme H.E. the General-Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maltby, distributed the prizes.

Results were:

Four Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined Small Units; 4, Royal Engineers; 5, Middlesex. Time: 3 mins. 49.4 secs.

Four Men 100 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Middlesex; 3, Royal Scots; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 4 mins. 45 secs.

Plunging:—1, Middlesex (109 ft. 8½ ins.); 2, Royal Engineers (98 ft. 5 ins.); 3, Combined R.A. (96 ft. 4 ins.); 4, Royal Scots (94 ft. 4 ins.); 5, Combined Small Units (92 ft. 3 ins.).

Four Men 200 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Royal Scots. Time: 11 mins. 51 secs.

Five Men Variety Relay (1 length, 3 lengths, 6 lengths, 3 lengths and 1 length):—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined R.A.; 4, Middlesex. Time: 5 mins. 49.4 secs.

Diving:—1, Royal Scots (233 pts.); 2, Combined Small Units (227½ pts.); 3, Middlesex (221 pts.); 4, Combined R.A. (190½ pts.); 5, Royal Engineers (186½ pts.).

Three Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Medley Relay:—1, Royal Scots; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 2 mins. 35 secs.

Large Units Water-Polo Final:—Combined Small Units beat Royal Scots 5-0, Dignan (3), Allen and Bedford scored for the winners.

Officers 66 2/3 Yards Free-Style:—1, Major Templer, (R.A.); 2, Lieut. Millar (R. Scots); 3, Capt. Dawson (Middlesex); 4, Capt. Williamson (Middlesex); 5, Lieut. Clague (R.A.); 6, Lieut. Scantlebury (Middlesex). (This event did not count towards the Inter-Unit Championship).

SEASON'S RUGGER FIXTURES

Dates for the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament are as follows:

November 15—Police v Club (Police).
November 29—Club v Navy (Club).
December 6—Navy v Police (Navy).
December 13—Army v Navy (Army).
December 20—Navy v Club (Navy).
December 27—Army v Club (Army).
January 3—Club v Army (Club).
January 10—Navy v Army (Navy).
January 17—Police v Navy (Police).
January 24—Army v Police (Army).
January 31—Police v Army (Police).
February 7—Club v Police (Club).

Last season two Tournament matches were played on the same afternoon on three occasions, but despite the fact this season's Tournament matches are all on different days the Tournament will be concluded only six days later, providing everything goes to schedule.

There are only six "combined" games—Club & Navy v Rest etc.—on the list, but it may be necessary to introduce more of these games as the season progresses.

The First Round of the International Tournament will be decided on February 21 and the Final on February 28. Volunteers meet Army on March 7 and the Seven-A-Side Tournament Finals will be on March 14. The last big match is Club v Bank on March 21.

REFEREES' LAST LECTURE

The last lecture for Football Referees will be held this evening at Scandal Point Hall at 7 p.m., when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of Hong Kong Football Referees Association, will be the speaker.

The oral and written examination for Army candidates will be held on Monday.

Playing over the Relief Course at Fanling on Tuesday evening, C. Mather did the third hole in one.

SOLINA AND OMAR CAUSE BOWLS UPSET

A sensation was caused in lawn bowls circles yesterday at K.B.G.C. when, playing in the quarter-final of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar defeated H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for two years in succession, by 21-12.

Solina matched Alves' wood for wood, while Omar played surprisingly good bowls to beat Ribeiro at almost every end.

Perfect Green

The green was perfect albeit a trifle fast, both hands taking very well. With Solina lying the shot more often than not, Omar's duties were reduced to those of blocking, and this he did effectively, though on the occasions that he was required to "come in for the shot" he invariably obliged.

A four at the 4th gave Omar a 6-2 lead, and after Ribeiro had made the score 4-8 against him with a single at the 8th, Omar ran into a match-winning lead of 17-4 with 1 1 2 3 1 1 at the 14th.

Ribeiro replied with 1 2 1 1 but a 3 for Omar at the next end saw him holding a 20-9 advantage. Ribeiro then scored a 3, but that was to no avail as a single at the last end gave Omar and his partner a well-deserved win after scoring at 12 ends, the scores being:—

K.M.O.: 0 2 0 4 1 0 1 0 1 1 2 3 1 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 = 21
F.V.V.R.: 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 0 3 0 = 12

BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Club Bowls results:—

KOWLOON BOWLING G.C.

Club Championship

Second Round:—L. Sykes received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; E. Levett beat A. G. Gardner.

President's Cup

First Round:—I. Newton beat S. C. Walker. Second Round:—L. Guy received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; L. Sykes beat E. A. Atkins.

Vice-President's Cup

First Round:—G. Thompson beat E. V. Searle. Second Round:—H. L. Lockhart beat H. Bicknell; R. Duncan received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin.

Singles Handicap

First Round:—A. J. Hall (scr.) beat W. S. Drake (scr.). Second Round:—V. C. Dixon (4) beat L. A. Jordan (3).

Pairs Handicap

First Round:—K. C. Hamilton and H. Bicknell (4) beat E. Levett and W. J. Geall (6).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

Singles Handicap

Third Round:—C. Dowman (—3) beat Y. Abbas (1).

CRICKET LEAGUE MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League will be held this afternoon at 5.15 p.m. in the Urban Council chamber.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Kowloon Chess Club will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at Peninsula Hotel.

ENGINEERS, NEW TO 1ST DIVISION, IMPRESS IN MATCH AGAINST S.C.A.A.

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEWCOMERS TO FIRST DIVISION, DID UNEXPECTEDLY WELL AGAINST SOUTH CHINA, LEAGUE AND SHIELD CHAMPIONS, IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME AT CAROLINE HILL YESTERDAY, AND WERE BEATEN BY ONLY THE ODD GOAL IN FIVE AFTER BEING 2-1 DOWN AT THE INTERVAL.

Engineers were without two of their regular players, Palmer being on the injured list and Jones their left winger, being an absentee. Moores and Gough, who were brought into the side, both did well. Sappers, on their display yesterday, should upset a few teams in First Division.

Engineers were slow in settling down and were at sea against the fast Chinese forwards. In the later stages of the game, however, they played well.

Moxham had no chance with the shots that beat him and brought off several good saves during the afternoon. Moores, who played in place of the injured Palmer, gave a promising display in an unaccustomed position, as he generally plays at centre-half.

Chau Man-chi, South China, making a dash for the ball in last Sunday's charity match against the Association's Governor's Cup team, who were beaten 6-0. Behind Chau is Pope, with Bright in the background. Nix, who deputised for Bankier in goal, is nearest the ball.

Shaw v Lee

Shaw was not at his best, but kept a constant watch on Lee Wai-tong and Chau Man-chi, while Chan King-kuen found Lee Shek-yau a troublesome winger but stuck to him well.

Birrell was the best forward and was a constant menace to South China defenders. He combined well with Lee Wai-lam and crowned a good day's work with a fine goal.

Gough, on the left wing, who played in place of Jones, also did well and with Fox gave the Chinese defenders several anxious moments.

South China played below form and in the closing minutes their forwards could make little headway against the hard tackling of

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R.A.S.C. BEAT CLUB "A" IN FRIENDLY

Playing better as a team, Royal Army Service Corps beat Club by 4 goals to 1 in a friendly football match at Happy Valley last evening.

Club's team included four of the first eleven, but too much individualism marred their game. Grattan, at right back, played very sound football and not only cleared safely, but fed the forwards well on more than one occasion, though some of his well-directed centres went a-begging.

Forrow and Odell both played well, but the forwards were on the weak side though Taylor scored a goal in the first half.

For Service Corps, Hamlin and Blazzard were a safe pair of backs, and they show signs of developing into one of the best combinations in the Second Division this season.

Blazzard Impressive

Blazzard, who is a newcomer to local football, was particularly impressive with his first-time clearances, while his positioning was also good.

Clark scored first for the Service Corps and Martin increased the lead. Then Taylor scored with a "trick shot," one of that variety which is aimed at one corner of the net and then finds its way in through the other! Just before half-time Weir added the third goal for the Corps.

Play was more even during the second half, though the Club backs were given a lot of work to do by the hard-pressing Corps forwards. Following one of these raids Clark gained possession of the ball, and with a good shot found the net, the final whistle sounding shortly after. Teams were:—

Club:—J. C. Bailey; A. G. Grattan and H. Millington; A. Eger, K. W. Forrow and A. Odell; E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bond, C. F. Needham, A. J. G. Taylor and P. O. Morgan.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Hamlin and Blazzard; Smart, Morgan and Hammond; Glenn, Farrell, Clark, Weir and Martin.

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TRUSCOTT'S HAT TRICK

At Causeway Bay, Signals, Third Division runners-up and now competing in Second Division, beat Royal Navy in a friendly football match by four clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Signals were the better balanced team and displayed good combination in the attack while their intermediate line was too good for the Navy forwards.

Truscott opened the scoring for Signals early in the game and shortly after increased the lead. Bates scored before the interval and in the second period Truscott registered his "hat trick."

Navy:—Giff; Wilson and Connor; Bowden, Parkinson and Gallagher; Breese, Spradberry, Taylor, Shipside and Long.

Signals:—Newham; Taylor and Smith; Holland, Spinks and Hutchinson; Truscott, Bates, Brackenberry, Skinner and Laing.

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SAPPER JUNIORS BEAT SAINTS

Royal Engineers juniors beat St. Joseph's by four clear goals in a friendly football game at the Valley yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

St. Joseph's tried several new players and though they showed promise they were unable to settle down and combine with the rest of the team.

Moores scored for Sappers early in the game and in the second half he added another. Ellsley and Burns added further goals.

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At Boundary Street yesterday, Police beat Air Force in a friendly football game by the odd goal in five. Gordon scored all the goals for Police and W. McDonald and G. Smith for Air Force.

Sappers: Lee Shek-yau was not so prominent on the left wing while Chau Man-chi made the mistake of feeding him too much.

Lee Wai-tong started well and showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with, but in the second period he slackened his pace considerably.

He opened the scoring in the first five minutes with a good goal and shortly after increased the lead. Gough reduced the arrears before the interval.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee scored, and Birrell beat Tam Kwan-kon with a good shot.

Lee Wai-tong broke through in the closing stages but shot over the bar.

Teams were:—

South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung; Ho Lok-kee, Lam Tak-po and Lau Hing-choy; Lee Tak-kee, Chaung Wing-keung, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Moores and Fielding; Chan Yuen-king, Shaw and Taylor; Lee Wai-lam, Birrell, Pelham, Fox and Gough.

BRITISH FIGHTERS DEFEND LENINGRAD

Causing Serious Losses To The Luftwaffe

BRITAIN'S NEW FIGHTER

Britain's new fighter 'planes, the Mark II Hurricanes, not only have vastly superior fire power to the famous earlier model but also that of the latest German single-seater, the new Messerschmitt 109 F 1/2.

This Nazi 'plane has only one large calibre gun, a 15-mm. Mauser, and the Mark II Hurricanes have four 20-mm. cannon.

Their alternative armament is 12 machine-guns, the Mark I Hurr'cane had only eight machine-guns.

The fire power developed by either of the new armaments is obviously superior to that of the single gun on the German 'plane, apart from the fact that the British cannon, having a larger calibre, is capable of greater penetration and general destructive power by virtue of its higher muzzle velocity and larger mass with its ability to carry a more useful explosive charge.

Added to this is the fact that the Mark II is equipped with a new Merlin engine with a two-speed supercharger, giving it a much higher ceiling, a better rate of climb and greater top speed. — Reuter.

Squadrons Now In Action

"SQUADRONS" OF BRITISH 'PLANES ARE NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE DEFENCE OF LENINGRAD, ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

With the aid of British aircraft, the despatch says, the Russian air force has caused serious losses to the Germans.

The Russian fleet is also helping Leningrad's defenders.

German movements on this front have been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Oesel and Dagoe, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi 'planes, parachutists and infantry.

In the far north the Russians have repulsed a new German offensive against Murmansk.

Russian 'planes and warships have sunk several German troop transports and supply ships on their way from Norway.

THE DESPATCH ADDS THAT IN THE SOUTH MARSHAL BUDENNY HAS SUCCEEDED IN WITHDRAWING PART OF HIS TROOPS TO NEW POSITIONS ON THE DONETZ.— REUTER.

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ESSENTIAL WORK ORDER

The British Government announced yesterday it expected that in the immediate future the "Essential Work" Order would be applied to the 200 "nucleus" mills in the cotton spinning industry.

Under the Order no employee is able to leave employment or be dismissed without official permission and — for the first time — operatives will receive guaranteed weekly wage rates.

This is the first time the Order has been invoked in a "concentrated" industry. It does not apply to the manufacturing section of the trade.

For some months the labour shortage in spinning mills has been increasing owing to operatives being called up for military service or leaving for munitions factories. — Reuter.

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ROLLING OUT THE TANKS

Throughout Britain tanks are rolling out for Soviet Russia.

Hundreds and hundreds are being assembled and armed in a ceaseless flow.

New figures are being reached and all previous records smashed.

Women are taking a leading part in this gigantic British effort on behalf of Tanks for Russia Week.

A Ministry of Supply official told Reuter that one large factory in South Wales had already turned out more guns for tanks than was ever believed possible in the time.

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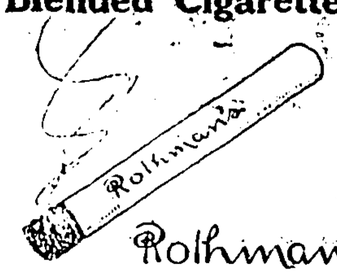

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VOUCHERS, INITIALS AND DEBTS

To-day's A.R.P. Inquiry Evidence

Gross Neglect Of Duty Alleged

FAILURE TO INITIAL SCORES OF VOUCHERS WAS ADMITTED, BY A GOVERNMENT FOREMAN AT TO-DAY'S RESUMED HEARING BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INVESTIGATING A.R.P. CONTRACTS.

His explanation was that he simply forgot, but he did not reply when the Chairman (Mr. Justice Cressall) suggested that he had been guilty of gross neglect of duty and had not checked the items charged against Government.

The Chairman, questioning Li Man-shing, who described himself as sole proprietor of a sub-contractors' firm, suggested that this firm was another "blind," covering Kwong Wing.

This witness declared that Kin Lee owed him substantial sums for work performed and that he had received $5,000 a few days ago only as a result of the intervention of Mr. C. W. E. Bishop.

Ho Hok-pui, P.W.D. foreman, again called at the resumed hearing this morning, produced books as instructed yesterday, recording the number of workmen engaged by the sub-contractors on the tunnelling job in Kowloon, from September 20, 1940, to date.

Witness told Mr. Justice Cressall, chairman of the Commission, that although the number of workmen engaged on the different sites was recorded, there was no entry in the books showing the rate of pay as the men were not paid by the day, but on results.

Chairman: In these books, the names of all the workmen employed by the sub-contractors have been entered?—We do not have the names, just the number of men on the job.

That's right, it's the number we want. The point is, if we go through all these books and add up the numbers, we can get the total number of workmen employed since the job started?—Yes, one can find that out from the books, though we have never added the numbers up ourselves.

And is the rate of pay entered?—The workmen were not paid at so much per day, but according to the amount of work done.

And is that entered?—In these books here, the number of workmen employed by the sub-contractors is entered, but no record is kept of the amount of work done. That is included in the morning reports.

Check On Work

So these books contain the number of workmen?—Yes.

And the morning report the amount of work they did?—Yes.

And the work is checked by a Government foreman?—The No. 1 foreman would check the work the other foremen have entered.

Mr. George Tsang would check the amount of work done during the night?—Yes.

And Mr. Tsang would make out the morning report on these reports?—Yes.

So that the morning reports are made out from your reports?—That is so.

So if you purposely put down more work than has actually been done, the workmen would get more pay?—We can't do that because there is a plan.

Never So Dishonest

Well, what about it?—We will never be so dishonest.

The sub-contractors pay the workmen a daily wage?—I have no idea.

And the sub-contractors are paid by Kin Lee according to the length of the tunnel they have excavated, so much per foot?—That I don't know.

You do not know the arrangement with the sub-contractors?—I don't know, sir.

Which are the small books containing the number of sub-contractors' workmen?—Witness produced the books, explaining the system followed at the same time. There was also a smaller book amongst the lot and when asked what that was replied "We used this small book as it was nearing completion of the job and we wanted to save Government paper."

"Cannot Say"

Mr. Bellamy (to witness): You told us that the sub-contractors were not paid per day, but so much per lineal foot or cubic yard.—I cannot say as Kin Lee employed them.

You said they were paid by results, that is what we call piece work?—I have no idea.

You do not know whether Kin Lee pays the sub-contractors by results, or the sub-contractor pays his workmen by results?—I have no idea sir, I cannot say.

Mr. D. H. Blake then explained that his instructions were that Kin Lee paid the sub-contractors for their work and they in turn paid the labourers per day.

All The Books

The next witness, Li Lin-shing, stated that the books in which the number of workmen employed were entered were all before the Commission now. They had been produced by the previous witness.

Chairman: Have you any more attendance books to produce?—That was the only one. (Witness pointed to one of the books).

So we will find in those books everything in connection with your work since the work started?—Yes.

"Forgot To Initial"

Cheng Fung-ting, Waterworks foreman, was then called and was told by the Chairman: "We have got here all the so-called vouchers submitted by Kin Lee of the summaries submitted to Government on which they received their money. You told us yesterday, when we asked you 'Did you check these vouchers?' that 'I don't believe I missed any.' Do you see your initials on that voucher?" (Showing witness one of the vouchers).

Witness: No, sir.

Chairman: And on the second one?—No, sir.

The third?—No, sir.

You will find dozens without your initials. What explanation have you got to offer for that?—I've missed those. I forgot to initial them.

Simply Forgot

We can understand that on one or two occasions but we can-

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SHANGHAI CINEMA CRISIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Exchange Stabilisation Board, it is reported in Shanghai, is unwilling to grant facilities for the remittance to the U.S. of the proceeds of the showing of American films, in view of the freezing order, and it is thought cinemas may close due to lack of new films.

Unshown films on hand are believed to be sufficient to continue for several months.—International News Service.

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SERBIANS REVOLT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWELVE THOUSAND SERB OFFICERS AND MEN, RELEASED FROM PRISON CAMPS UNDER A PROMISE TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE, HAVE REBELLED AGAINST THE AXIS FORCES OF OCCUPATION.

German dive-bombers, it was reported, are participating in efforts to put down the coup.

Some of the rebel forces have escaped and are now fighting in the woods and mountains.—International News Service.

QUAKE IN SIBERIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Fordham (N.Y.) seismograph yesterday indicated a heavy earthqucke "in the vicinity of Kamchatka" (Siberia).—International News Service.

HURRICANE HITS TEXAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TEXAS YESTERDAY CAUGHT THE FULL FORCE OF A HURRICANE WHICH RACED INLAND AFTER STRIKING THE COAST.

The 100-mile-an-hour gale is causing mounting damage.

Houston was lashed by a 77 m.p.h. wind. Three were electrocuted by hot wires while crops were ruined.—International News Service.

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NAZI COUP FOILED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN THAT THE ATTEMPTED PRO-NAZI COUP IN THE ARGENTINE HAS BEEN NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Acting President Ramon Castillo's statement that "there is no cause for alarm" met with an accusation by a Radical member of the Argentine Congress that Senor Castillo "is himself engaged in totalitarian plotting."—International News Service.

ON VERGE OF HARD ACTION

(By Kenneth Downs)

An impending struggle in the Middle East looms and will probably start before Christmas, with the Allies stronger than they have been since the start of the war.

I base this prediction following a widespread personal survey.

To-day Iraq, Iran and Syria are valuable assets to the Allies, while the clean-up in Ethiopia and Eritrea has freed crack Indian and South African troops for service in the Middle East.

Cyprus is a bulwark fortress and an important factor in the defence.

American supplies are piling up and American accents are being heard more and more as United States observers, instructors and technicians arrive in a steady stream.

In addition, Free French forces are massing in aid of the British.

Preparations have been made and the Allied machine will go into action the moment the Axis shows its hand.—International News Service.

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SEE-SAW IN LENINGRAD DUEL

Germans Claim New Advance

Effective Soviet Counter-Thrusts

THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE FOR LENINGRAD, WITH THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE OPPOSING ARMIES, WAS DESCRIBED YESTERDAY IN BOTH BERLIN AND MOSCOW BROADCASTS.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of "a fair-sized town," refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

The capture of further sections of Leningrad's defences figure in the German claims, which speak of the taking of strong Soviet field positions and the putting out of action of a number of Soviet pillboxes with heavy losses for the enemy.

On the Russia side, the "Red Star" states that in battles on the bridges to Leningrad the German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses in a series of counter-attacks.

According to a field despatch to the "Red Star" one such counter-attack developed into a battle which raged throughout Tuesday.

The Soviet troops forced the 126th German Infantry Division to roll back, capturing fortified positions.

THE GERMANS THEN BROUGHT TANKS INTO ACTION SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY BUT WERE COMPELLED TO RETREAT, "LEAVING THE BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH THE CORPSES OF GERMAN SOLDIERS."

"Cossack" Tanks

In another sector on the south-eastern approaches to the city the Germans drove a wedge into the Russian defences but were forced to retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks" which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed by by the "Red Star" to have been inflicted on the 136th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

"Between September 8 and 15 the German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

The effective work of Soviet Fleet Air Arm aircraft found a place in yesterday's Soviet broadcasts.

Fleet Air Arm

A supplement to the Soviet communique states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 13 enemy 'planes and destroyed 10 more on an enemy aerodrome.

At the approaches to Leningrad Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German A.A. batteries, 11 A.A. machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns.

The Black Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy 'planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to a bold attack on German troops by a guerilla detachment commanded by a schoolmaster operating in the Odessa district. — Reuter.

CONGRESS TO RAISE RED BOGEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A major fight on the floor of the House of Representatives on American aid for Russia, which the Administration hoped to avoid, is now regarded as inevitable as the non-interventionists have given notice of their intention to raise the issue.

Administration supporters say the group will not have the strength to be successful though they admit they would prefer not to have such a red-hot matter the subject of extended debate.

This position was stressed by the Lease-Lend Administrator, Mr. Stettinius, appearing before the House Appropriations Committee in support of the $6,000,000,000 Lease-Lend appropriation.

He pointed out that the Government does not plan to use this sum for aiding Russia since the Soviets are supplied by other means, and made a plea that no restrictions be placed in the way of the measure.

Hamilton Fish, spokesman for the non-interventionists, said he would oppose Lease-Lend for Russia. — International News Service.

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BITTER DEBATE LIKELY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Representative Rayburn, Speaker of the House in Washington, yesterday predicted speedy Congress approval of authority for the President to arm American merchantmen.

NON-INTERVENTIONISTS DESCRIBE THE MOVE AS A FURTHER STEP TO WAR AND INDICATE THEY WILL INITIATE A BITTER DEBATE.

It is believed President Roosevelt will send a special message to Congress urging the arming procedure of President Wilson before the first World War.

Administration officials disclosed that the President will possibly use the Navy to man merchantmen tied up by strikes, saying ships must move and as long as American armed forces are in Atlantic bases, the Government is going to get supplies to these bases. — International News Service.

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RED CROSS NEEDS IN RUSSIA

The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Lord Iliffe, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish army and the Czechoslovak Legion being organised on Russian soil.—Reuter.

GRIM RADIO STORY

MOSCOW RADIO IN ENGLISH YESTERDAY STATED THAT DOCTORS IN GERMAN ARMY HOSPITALS HAVE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO PUT TO DEATH BADLY WOUNDED MEN FOR WHOM THERE IS NO HOPE OF THEIR RETURNING TO THE RANKS.

The question is decided in each particular case by the head doctor of the hospital, said the radio announcer. — Reuter.

REVOLUTION IN FOUR MONTHS IN FRANCE!

Arthur Lesses, former propagandist for the French Government, arriving in the United States, said revolution would break out all over France "within four months."

The execution of so-called Communists in reprisal for attacks on Nazi soldiers would accelerate and not retard the uprising, he added.—Reuter.

Britain Warns Finland

The report that Britain has told Finland that if she continues to invade purely Russian territory it will be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come, was confirmed in London yesterday.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish War, Britain, it was understood, would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as a possibility in authoritative circles in London.—Reuter.

BITTER FIGHTING FLARES UP ON ODESSA FRONT

ACTIVITY ON THE ODESSA front has again increased, and bitter fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Kherson for a point called "N," which the Soviet troops hold.

The enemy has flung in more reserves but the Soviet forces threw back the Germans after a bloody struggle in which 1,500 enemy corpses were left piled up in tank traps.

At "point N" the Soviet troops hold well-prepared defensive positions.

The enemy, without sparing men, launched one attack after another and once pierced the Soviet first line defences.

The Soviet Command threw in its reserves and forced the Germans out.

The news, published in the "Red Star," throws down the German claim to have already reached Perekop, on the isthmus, and to have isolated the Crimea.

"Red Star" does not state exactly how far from Kherson the battle is in progress.

Orchard Of Ukraine

Kherson itself stands on the high right-bank of the Dnieper, 20 miles from the mouth, and is one of the largest cities on the Dnieper.

The region may be called the orchard of the Ukraine, producing the finest grapes and peaches. —Reuter.

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SHANGHAI YARN MARKET SLUMPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai cotton yarn market sharply declined as a result of the order by the Nanking-controlled Customs Inspectorate banning all exports to Free China from Shanghai.

The market declined yesterday 30 points, opening at $17.70 and closing at $17.40.

The precise effects on business are not yet apparent but exports to the interior from Shanghai have been declining for some time.—International News Service.

GERMANS WARN FRENCH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Germans yesterday warned the population of France that anyone found aiding enemy parachutists will be summarily executed.

Any woman doing the same will be sent to a concentration camp in Germany.

"Immediate execution on the spot" will be the fate of Frenchmen who in any way aid enemy parachutists or flyers. — International News Service.

NAZIS AGAIN CHANGE STORY

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

THE GERMANS ON TUESDAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THE ENCIRCLED RUSSIAN FORCES CAN BE RECKONED WITH "IN A FEW DAYS."

This tells a somewhat different story from their earlier claims that the surrounded Soviet troops were disintegrating and being abandoned by their officers.

It confirms the views already expressed that the Germans are making a desperate effort to cut off the rearguards of Marshal Budenny's forces and that the latter are fighting with the same indomitable spirit that has characterised the Russian soldiers throughout the last three months.

Indeed, unofficial reports from Moscow of counter-attacks at Glukhov and Poltava, which are reported to have met with local success, show the Russian morale is not weakening.

Both at Leningrad and Odessa the assailants have not been able to make any progress despite repeated attacks with heavy forces.

German Losses

German losses in these intensive operations must undoubtedly have been extremely heavy and there are therefore good grounds for believing that the estimate of M. Maisky of German losses as somewhere in the neighbourhood of three million is not excessive.

The recent German claims of heavy air raids and air successes over Britain are to certain knowledge without foundation and prove that German propaganda is being compelled once again to have recourse to down right lies to give the German people a little encouragement and confidence.—Reuter.

Inter-Allied Conference Endorses Atlantic Charter

TASK OF REBUILDING EUROPE

THE INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE IN LONDON YESTERDAY UNANIMOUSLY AFFIRMED AS THE COMMON AIM THAT SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND MATERIALS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE POST-WAR NEEDS OF COUNTRIES LIBERATED FROM NAZI OPPRESSION.

M. Paul Spaak, Belgian Premier, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia, and the representatives of General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to cooperate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr. Eden explained that the preamble to the resolution made no mention of His Majesty's Government, or the Governments of Canada, Australia and South Africa, because these Governments are already associated with the declaration.

Mr. Eden said the resolution expressed the general aims for which they were fighting.

It was his conviction that approval by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its influence and would encourage the Allied forces now gathered together to defeat Germany.

The Eight Points

M. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of his country, said Free Czechoslovaks who had escaped Hitler and were enjoying the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting.

The Eight Points were equally important in their symbolic as in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process for achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

ANY HOPE OF AGREEMENT WITH NAZI GERMANY AND VULGARISING, GOOSE-STEPPING PRUSSIANISM WAS A FUTILE DREAM.

Only after the destruction of this could we establish a peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want.

Germany Disarmed

Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression to attain political aggrandisement was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like the Czechoslovaks, had for long been victims of aggression, would have to be considered.

Anglo-U.S. Cooperation

M. Masaryk continued: "Within the future economic structure of the world, as outlined by the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia by access to their fair share of raw materials will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in cooperation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life.

"The Czechoslovak Government is more than ever convinced that the closer cooperation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day have taken up arms against the common foe."

M. Masaryk hoped cooperation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

Point Four

On behalf of Greece, M. Tsouderos approved the resolution.

M. Bech, for Luxembourg, said his Government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"To-day the whole world knows the great English-speaking Democracies are pledged to the final destruction of the Nazi tyranny."

The declaration, he said, had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by the oppressed peoples.

M. van Kleffens, Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point Four of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of a reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of the rule.

Protection Snowball

At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious common effort would be made to that end for the ultimate benefit of all.

M. van Kleffens said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government he was happy to express adhesion to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

"We thank the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of His Britannic Majesty's government in the United Kingdom for having taken this auspicious initiative," he said.

Polish Endorsement

The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczynski, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and that the activities of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten.

He said Poland, which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration, would see that none of the illegal acts perpetrated by the ruthless aggressor would be recognised, and that the Polish population which had been removed from the western parts of Poland would return to their homes and the Germans driven away.

The Polish Minister was confident too that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the principles of the Atlantic Charter. — Reuter.

R.A.F. AWARDS

FLYING OFFICERS WHO DIRECT BRITAIN'S AIR OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST — THE WESTERN DESERT, MEDITERRANEAN AND IRAQ — ARE INCLUDED IN A LIST OF R.A.F. AWARDS ISSUED YESTERDAY.

The list is made up of 112 names and includes three officers and two N.C.O.'s in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Air Marshal Roy Maxwell Drummond, Deputy Air Officer Commander - in - Chief Middle East Headquarters, and Air Vice-Marshal John Henry d'Albiac, Air Officer Commanding in Iraq, become Commpanions of the Order of the Bath. — Reuter.

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Sir Dadiba Merwanjee Dalal, former High Commissioner for India in London, left estate in England valued at £5,000, says Reuter from London.

FADDEN GOVT. SURVIVES BY ONE VOTE

The motion of censure moved by Mr. Curtin, the Labour leader, against the Australian Government in Parliament yesterday, was defeated by 32 votes to 31.

Mr. Curtin alleged the use of Government funds amounting to over £3,000 for bribing Union officials.—Reuter.

DUTCH EXPLAIN VIEWS

The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London yesterday on post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to Reuter yesterday by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

"As is well known," he said, "the Netherlands Government some time ago planned measures for re-stocking the Netherlands as soon as the yoke of German oppression has been cast off.

"Queen Wilhelmina in her radio speech promised her people to take this task in hand. A Government executive in extraordinary service appointed for this purpose is in New York and is making the necessary purchases and is supervising the storing of these goods for the duration of the war.

"Although the Government have the greatest possible interest in this joint Allied task and will be prepared to exert all their powers to contribute their share to this work the fact remains that plans on behalf of the Netherlands Motherland retain their particular attention." — Reuter.

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RAID BY SINGLE 'PLANE

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Shortly after noon a single enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a place on the East Coast of Scotland. None was hurt and no damage done."—British Wireless.

ORGANISING POOL OF SUPPLIES FOR THE PEACE

THAT IT WAS THE DUTY of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from war to peace, was stressed by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, at yesterday afternoon's resumption of the Allied Conference at St. James' Palace.

Mr. Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German aggressors have been removed.

It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet in London now.

Preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export surpluses.

Another committee of officials under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, the Government's Chief Economic Adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

Estimates of Needs

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to build up a store for their own country and the Polish and Belgian Governments had prepared preliminary memoranda on their countries' estimated requirements.

The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr. Eden said that the framing and co-ordination of estimates must take account of the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted.

Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last at least two years after the war.

Bureau Proposed

Mr. Eden said that the resolution he would propose provided for the establishment of a bureau which would report to an Inter-Allied Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential foodstuffs were even now accumulating in those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war.

It was known that the United States Government were deeply interested in planning for co-ordination of stocks and marketing of some of the most important commodities, especially wheat and cotton.

"The statement which they have authorised me to make shows they will not be unwilling at the right time to join in framing plans for the supply of Europe's needs on the basis of cooperation," said Mr. Eden.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BANS SUPPLIES TO SWITZERLAND

BRITAIN HAS WITHDRAWN the facilities for the passage of blockaded industrial materials to Switzerland as a consequence of the latter's commercial agreement with Germany.

The official announcement in London yesterday stated: "In view of the commercial agreement recently signed between Switzerland and Germany, the British Government is no longer able to continue the limited facilities hitherto accorded for the passage through the blockade and across enemy territory of materials for Swiss industry.

"The Government, however, appreciates the difficulties of Switzerland's position and will continue to give facilities within reasonable limits for the import into Switzerland of foodstuffs and fodder and of certain other goods exclusively destined for domestic consumption."

OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN LONDON DECLARED THE MOVE WAS NOT AN ACT OF RETALIATION BUT SIMPLY RECOGNITION OF A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH EXISTS, THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE SWISS OR OF BRITAIN.

It is believed that the Swiss understand the position. — Reuter.

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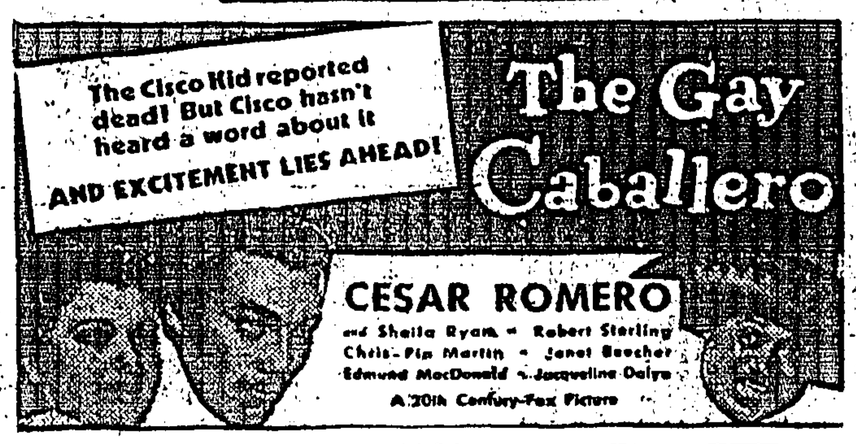

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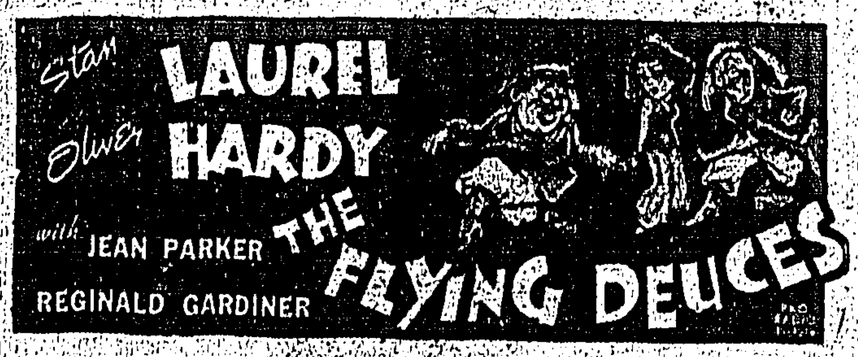

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VIRTUAL REPEAL OF NEUTRALITY ACT TO BE SOUGHT NEXT WEEK

IT WAS STRONGLY INDICATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL REQUEST VIRTUAL REPEAL OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT NEXT WEEK.

It is reported that Administration officials are urging the President to recommend also the elimination of the provisions preventing U.S. ships entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Predicting that the Neutrality Act will be amended in important respects, Senator Connally added it might be completely repealed except that it carries some desirable provisions, such as Government control over munitions exports.

The supposition that if American ships remain out of combat zones they are free from attack had proved illusory, said Senator Connally, citing the "Robin Moor" and "Greer" as examples.

He added that "if the Nazis are to attack our ships wherever they are found there is no reason why we should continue to observe combat areas.

"Under the law of nations our ships have the right to go anywhere on the high seas," he declared.

The arming of American merchantmen was "desirable," he concluded.—Reuter.

White House Statement

THERE IS NO REASON WHY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOULD NOT MAKE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK HIS DECISION OF ARMING MERCHANTMEN AND REVISION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, HIS SECRETARY, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Early said the White House had received no hints that a filibuster (delaying tactics) might be used by opponents in Congress to prevent revision of the Act.—Reuter.

SANG TO DOLL AMID RUINS

Eileen Algar, 8, sang to her doll to keep up her spirits when she was buried in the ruins of her home in a raid on an East Anglian coast town.

The sound of her voice guided rescue squads to where she and her parents lay under tons of debris. She was rescued with bruises and a cut leg.

Her first question was if her parents and little friend were saved.

When they were dug out hours later, her parents were dead. An uncle was dug out alive.

Taken to a rescue centre, Eileen said to the matron, "I am all right now aren't I? I was in hospital once and I did not die then so I shall be all right now."

"I cannot remember what I sang," she told the "Daily Mirror."

"The doll I was singing to was in a cot at the end of the bed, but I am afraid she is buried and could not get out."

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JAPANESE OBJECT TO DUTCH "V"

THE NETHERLANDS CONSULATE-GENERAL IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING AMONG DUTCH RESIDENTS IN KOBE LABELS WITH THE LETTER "V" ON THEM.

These labels posted in the homes and offices of the local Dutch residents were ordered to be removed by the Japanese authorities.

The offending label is about 5 inches wide and 6 inches long with an orange background. In the centre is a black letter "V." To the left is a pedestal of three pillars supporting the Crown of the Royal House of Orange Nassau. On the pillars are written the Dutch words "Waakzaam" ("without neglect"). "Werkzaam" (work hard"), and "Weerbaar" ("take to arms"). At the base of the pedestal are the words "De Pilers Van Ons Werel Drijk" (a symbol of world construction).

V

PRETENCE OF A ROBBERY

Alleged to have given false information to Det.-Sgt. W. H Summers, Wong Fuk-chuen, 20, shop foki, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Accused collected $95 yesterday after which he told his master that he had been robbed of the money in Shanghai Street.

The master accompanied him to report to Det.-Sgt. Summers Accused alleged that three men stole the money from his jacket pocket.

The Sergeant searched accused. The money was found concealed inside his sun-helmet.

END OF U.S. SEAMEN'S STRIKE

President Roosevelt's statement on Tuesday that merchantmen tied up in ports by labour dispute "have got to move," is apparently bearing fruit.

The Seafarers' International Union called membership meetings yesterday morning to discuss the release of 25 tied up vessels which, in the words of the Union leader John Hawk, was "the sensible thing to do."

Mr. Hawk advised putting men back on board the ships, releasing the vessels and then "letting the Mediation Board handle the dispute."

Sailors of the Pacific Union which had tied up three vessels in New York harbour announced their membership had voted on the release of the vessels at 5 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday.

Called Off

The Seafarers' International Union has called off the 11-day strike pending the outcome of negotiations between the shipowners and the National Defence Mediation Board.—Reuter.

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EX-SHAH GOING TO ARGENTINE

The ex-Shah of Iran has left Kerman en route to the Argentine, says the Iran news agency quoted in a Reuter message from Teheran this morning.

The report added that the ex-Shah left in the direction of Bandar Abbas and is to pass through India on his way to the Argentine. — Reuter.

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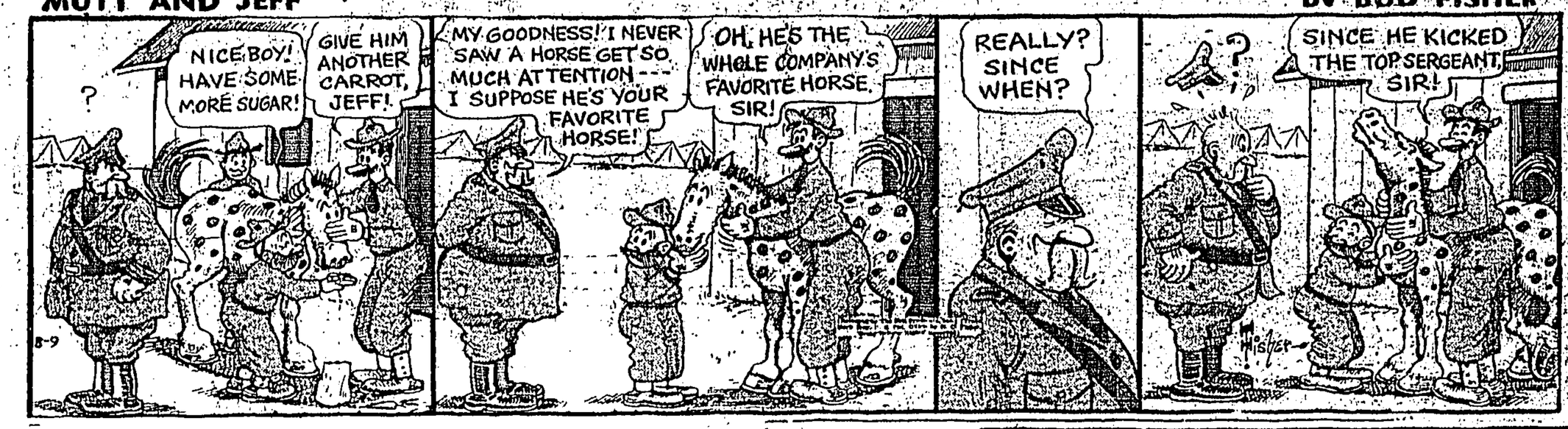

GERMAN'S SABOTAGE CALL TO GERMANS

Over Moscow radio Michel Niederkirchner, who in peace time had a job in a Berlin steel factory, broadcast to Berlin steelworkers a call to sabotage Nazi war production.

"Remember, friends," he said, "each cartridge which does not explode is a shot into the heart of Hitler."

WOMEN "BEHIND THE MIKE"

The first women engaged by the B.B.C.'s engineering division have begun training with microphones and other studio and outside broadcasting gear. They produce their own programmes.

MASSED GUNS ON COAST AWAIT INVADERS

(From L. MARSLAND GANDER)

BRITAIN'S COASTAL batteries, strengthened and improved immeasurably since Dunkirk days, are preparing a devastating welcome for invaders. I have just seen a night shoot by six-inch guns that are the first line of our island defence.

While bombers bound for Germany throbbed overhead, shore searchlights picked up moving target representing the bows and stern of an enemy transport. The first gun fired; then, still dazzled and deafened in the battery observation post, I saw the shell land amidships on the target.

There was a chorus of "Good shot!" from a little group of Royal Artillery officers. Afterwards the guns spoke seven times more and secured three direct hits at 3,500 yards.

Even in these days of airborne menace, the guns are massing along the coast in the expectation that one of the enemy's main efforts will be over the sea. I have spent some days as the guest of a special coast regiment of the Royal Artillery which guards a stretch of shore. Behind the monster coastal guns are lines of field artillery.

"Romeo" and "Juliet"

These coastal batteries lurk in the neglected gardens of empty seaside villas, among woods and in many unsuspected places. Meanwhile under ingenious camouflage that gives the green and brown landscape new contours the work of building more emplacements goes on. So "Romeo," "Juliet," "Ickle Gel," and many another steel giant nicknamed by the gunners, goes into position to lie in wait.

A naval officer who cooperates with the Royal Artillery in this section of the coast discussed with me the problems of invasion and defence.

The Nazis would need a week of fine weather, he said. Despite the best efforts of the Navy, we must expect the Germans to land considerable forces, regardless of loss.

This naval officer believes that in these islands air action and landing of airborne troops could not produce any decisive result, and that the Germans must still rely on sea transport for the heavy equipment they would need. Nevertheless, air possibilities have not been neglected.

Life by the English seaside in 1941, is a strange experience. Where the holidaymakers used to sunbathe, the gunners off duty form exclusive bathing parties on the mined and wired beaches. The regimental concert party, with a surprising show of talent, takes the place of the professionals.

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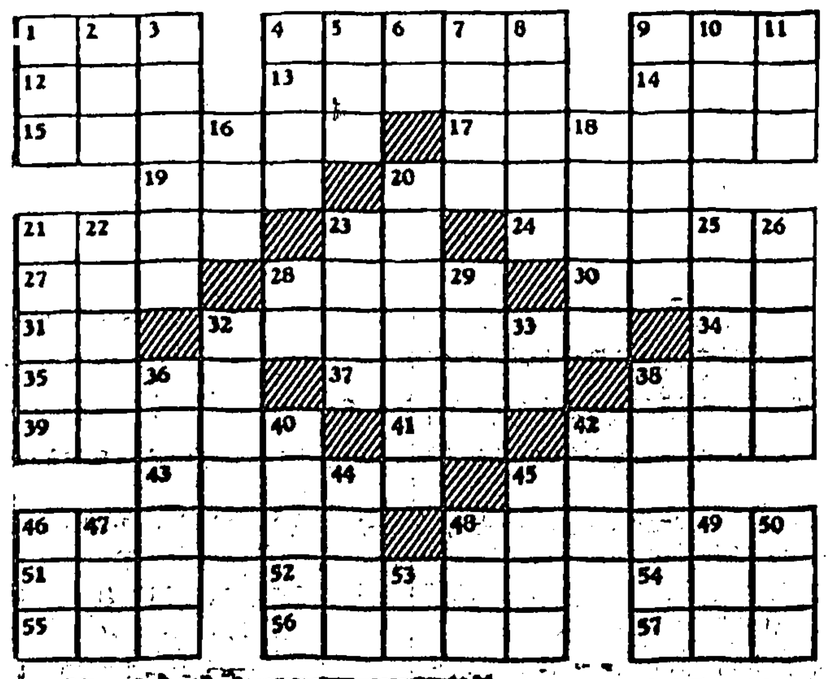

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1 To drink
4 Poisonous plant
9 Moisture
12 Ostrichlike bird
13 To track game
14 Constellation
16 French revolutionary hero
17 Teutonic deities
19 To plunge
20 Sounds having rhythm and melody
21 Shield
23 Symbol for tantalum
24 Occurrence
27 Craft
29 Difficult
30 Great Lake
31 Artificial language
32 Bombast
34 110
35 To soothe
37 Considerate
38 Sunken fence
39 To eject in a jet
41 By
42 Greek god
43 Toast
45 Aged
46 To introduce
48 To consume
51 To regret
52 Twilled worsted fabric
54 By birth
55 Being
56 Vegetable
57 Attempt

VERTICAL
1 Guided
2 Chalice
3 Learned teacher
4 To desist
5 Vase
6 Colloquial: mother
7 Japanese aborigine
8 Stifling
9 Terpsichorean
10 Silkworm
11 Conflict
16 Poetic contraction
18 Split
20 Pertaining to an army
21 Noblemen
22 Aggregation
23 Undertaking
25 Recess
26 State
28 Chinese measure
29 Force
32 Flounder
33 Paid notice
36 Killed, wounded, or captured soldiers
38 Passionate
40 Human trunk
42 High mountain
44 Solar disc
45 Beasts of burden
46 Anger
47 Sister
48 The self
49 Biblical name
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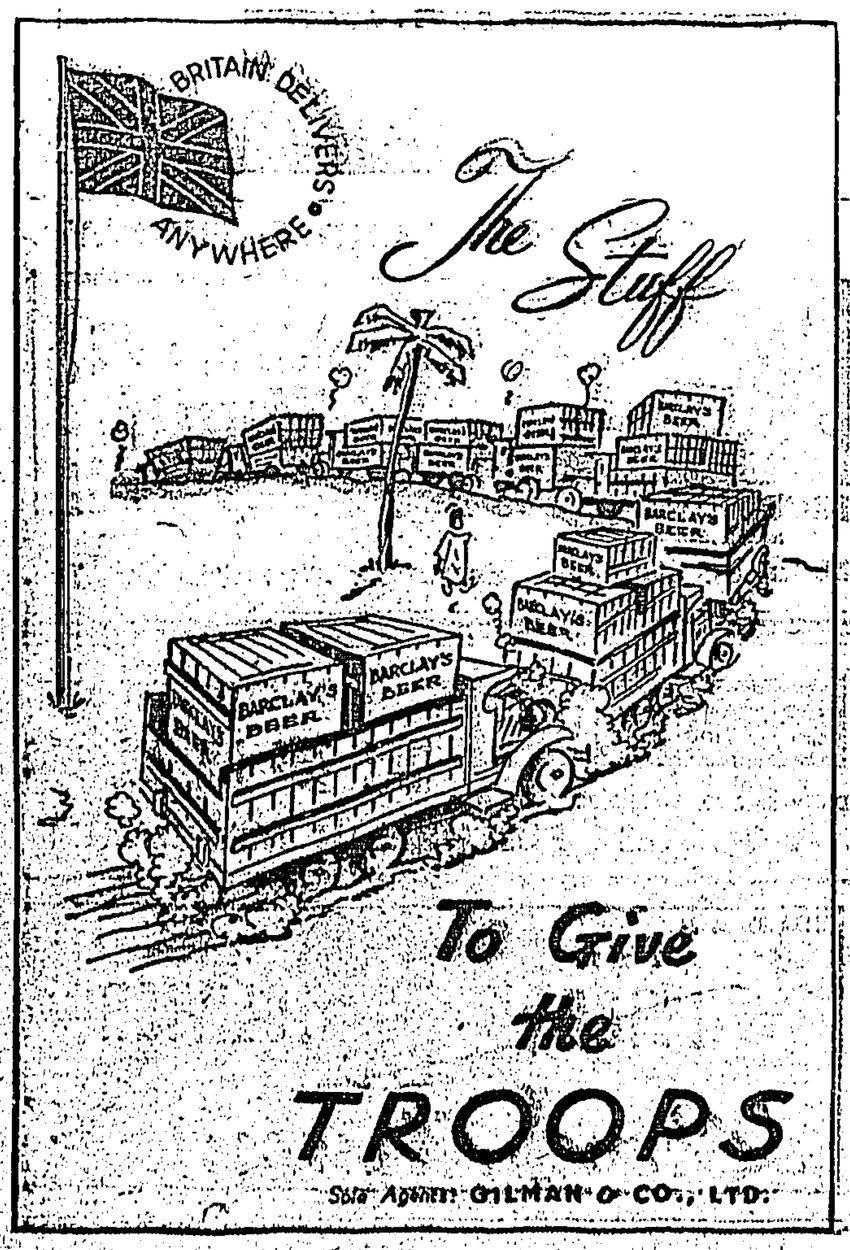

British Fighters Defend Leningrad

"SQUADRONS" OF BRITISH 'PLANES ARE NOW PARTICIPATING IN THE DEFENCE OF LENINGRAD, ACCORDING TO A STOCKHOLM DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

With the aid of British aircraft, the despatch says, the Russian air force has caused serious losses to the Germans.

The Russian fleet is also helping Leningrad's defenders.

German movements on this front have been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Oesel and Dagoe, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi 'planes, parachutists and infantry.

In the far north the Russians have repulsed a new German offensive against Murmansk.

Russian 'planes and warships have sunk several German troop transports and supply ships on their way from Norway.

THE DESPATCH ADDS THAT IN THE SOUTH MARSHAL BUDENNY HAS SUCCEEDED IN WITHDRAWING PART OF HIS TROOPS TO NEW POSITIONS ON THE DONETZ.—REUTER.

ROLLING OUT THE TANKS

Throughout Britain tanks are rolling out for Soviet Russia.

Hundreds and hundreds are being assembled and armed in a ceaseless flow.

New figures are being reached and all previous records smashed.

Women are taking a leading part in this gigantic British effort on behalf of Tanks for Russia Week.

A Ministry of Supply official told Reuter that one large factory in South Wales had already turned out more guns for tanks than was ever believed possible in the time.

Reports reaching the Ministry of Supply yesterday from factories in all parts of the country show that tank output for the first three days of Tanks for Russia Week has increased by 50 per cent over the corresponding period of a month ago.—Reuter.

RUSSIA A FACTOR FOR PEACE

"RUSSIA'S RESISTANCE IS A FACTOR FOR PEACE IN THE PACIFIC, DECLARED SIR RONALD CROSS, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN AUSTRALIA, AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN MELBOURNE YESTERDAY BY THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA.

"All unstintingly admire and praise the heroism and self-sacrifice of the Russian forces," he said.

"Japan is watching Russia whose battle is our battle," declared Sir Ronald.

"Our relations with Japan are regrettable but are purely Japan's fault."—Reuter.

UNDESIRABLE BOOKS

SEVEN COPIES OF "UNDESIRABLE" BOOKS, THE NAMES OF WHICH WERE NOT DISCLOSED, AND 500 VOLUMES OF CHINESE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES ON PHILOSOPHY, FOUND IN A BRITISH SHIP WHICH ARRIVED FROM SHANGHAI ON SEPTEMBER 6, WERE ORDERED TO BE CONFISCATED, BY MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN, AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

Lam Tsat, 29, seaman employed on the ship, was charged with conveying the books into the Colony other than by post, and, with possession of unmanifested cargo (the books).

Sergeant North stated that accused was seen transferring the books to a sampan. Seven copies contained "undesirable reading matter," which would not have been passed by the Censor.

Accused was fined $75.

BRITAIN'S NEW FIGHTER

Britain's new fighter 'planes, the Mark II Hurricanes, not only have vastly superior fire power to the famous earlier model but also that of the latest German single-seater, the new Messerschmitt 109 F 1/2.

This Nazi 'plane has only one large calibre gun, a 15-mm. Mauser, and the Mark II Hurricanes have four 20-mm. cannon.

Their alternative armament is 12 machine-guns, the Mark I Hurricane had only eight machine-guns.

The fire power developed by either of the new armaments is obviously superior to that of the single gun on the German 'plane, apart from the fact that the British cannon, having a larger calibre, is capable of greater penetration and general destructive power by virtue of its higher muzzle velocity and larger mass with its ability to carry a more useful explosive charge.

Added to this is the fact that the Mark II is equipped with a new Merlin engine with a two-speed supercharger, giving it a much higher ceiling, a better rate of climb and greater top speed. — Reuter.

ASSAULT ON A BUS CONDUCTOR

Charged with assaulting a bus conductor in Castle Peak Road yesterday, Chan Wah, 28, sawyer, was fined $10 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Sergeant Byrne said at 11.45 a.m. accused boarded a bus in Shanghai Street and was told by the conductor to go to the first class section since the third class compartment was crowded. Accused did so and paid first class fare.

When alighting in Castle Peak Road, accused went up to the conductor, gave him three blows and ran away. The conductor arrested him with the aid of a Chinese constable.

Accused stated that he boarded the bus with two other passengers and he was the only one to be told to go to the first class compartment. This made him angry.

CANNOT MAKE A LIVING

"I am not happy here. I cannot make my living in this Colony," said a 24-year-old unemployed, Chan Sang, who was charged with assault and unlawful possession of a knife at the Central Magistracy to-day.

According to the prosecution, accused met Mak Tse-ying, 49, a compositor, at No. 159, Lockhart Road, and slapped him on the neck. Accused was arrested and in his possession a knife was found.

Defendant stated that he intended to ask complainant for a loan of some money. The knife, he said, was to be used to threaten complainant in case he refused.

Defendant was remanded for seven days for medical examination.

Detective Sergeant W. Morrison prosecuted.

WARRANTS ISSUED

Warrants for the arrest of two defendants in the Empress Skating Rink case were issued at the Kowloon Magistracy by Mr. H. C. Macnamara when they failed to appear on remand this morning.

They were J. J. Gomes, 18, of No. 15, Canton Road, and Ho Tong, 20, carpenter.

Defendants, with six others, are charged with behaving in a disorderly manner in the Rink on August 23.

The case was adjourned to next Tuesday.

SUBMARINE'S TWO SUCCESSES

A British submarine has torpedoed an enemy transport and a supply ship of about 1,500 tons in the central Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty communique issued yesterday afternoon.

The supply ship is believed to have been sunk and the transport was later seen to be on fire. — Reuter.

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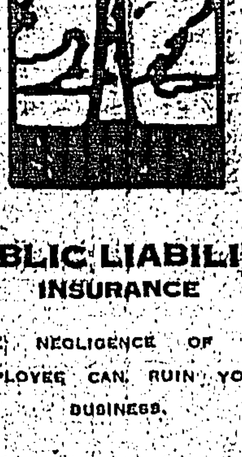

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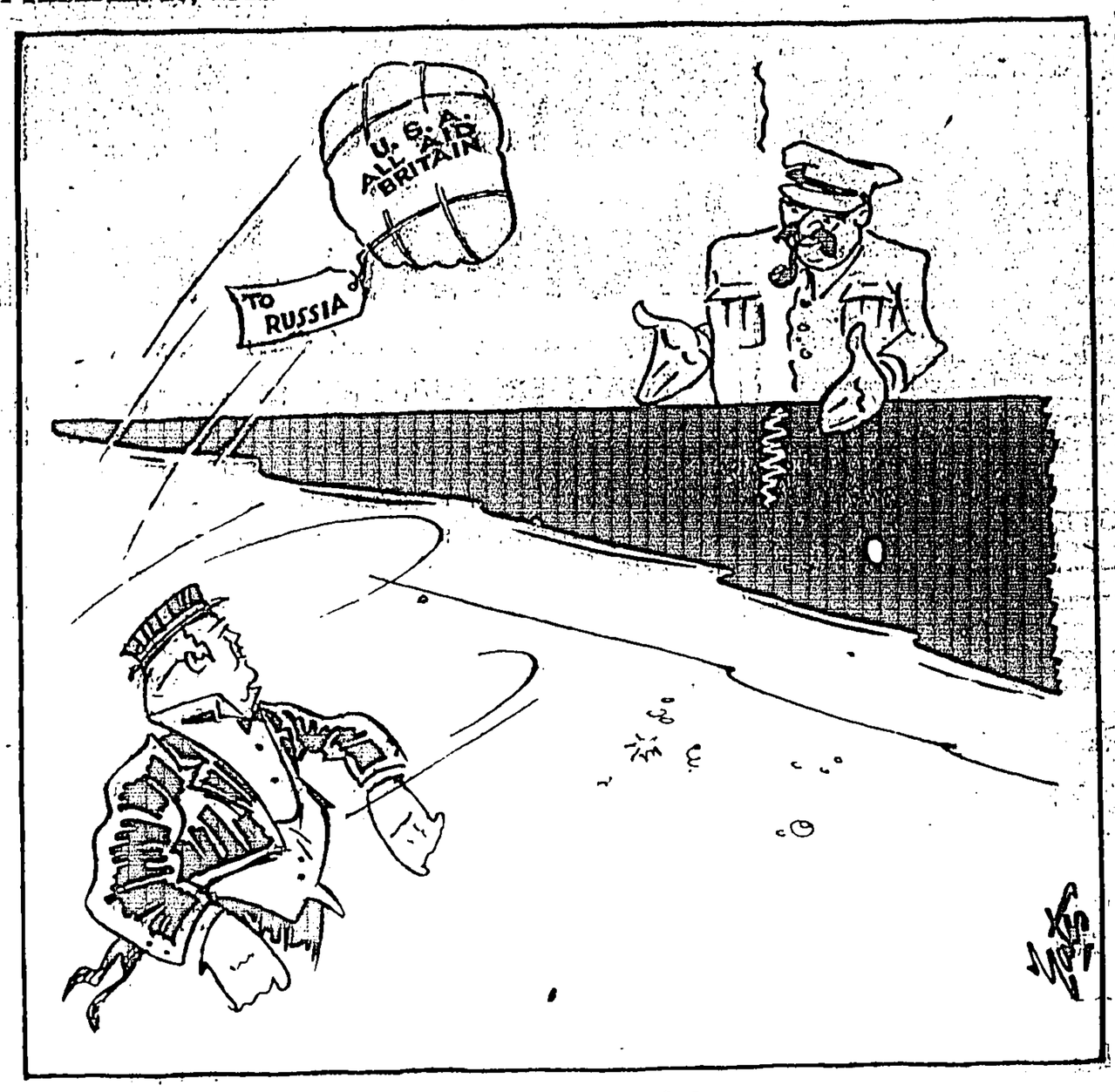
CLIPPING THE EAGLE

"Never was an eagle known to swim!" Such was the taunt of the Baltic city of Stralsund three centuries ago, when an Imperial army failed to reduce it. Sea-power preserved Stralsund; and to-day, if the moulting season has reached the Berchtesgaden eyrie unexpectedly, British sea-power has something to do with it. Ranging the waters with bombs in its claws, the Nazi eagle was tempted to believe that webbed feet had gone out of fashion. That was a mistake. Sea-power has survived the threat from long-range bombers. It has survived in relentless struggle the threat from U-boats beneath the surface. It has survived "secret weapons" such as the magnetic mine, new craft such as the small, fast E-boat, new tactics such as massed air attacks on ports. In just two years of a war for which Britain was woefully unprepared, her ships both naval and mercantile have also met and thrown back the challenge of the Axis fleets. And now British sea-power faces undismayed the possibility that a new, a numerous and an unnecessary enemy may wantonly present itself in the Pacific. On her fleet Britain knows she can rely in any war.

"For safety," wrote Coke in the 17th century, "they are the most defensive walls of the realm." If many people, some of them in responsible positions, placed too much emphasis on that word defensive in the first few months of the war, the attitude was never fully shared by the fighting services. For the Navy offence in any situation, whether outnumbered or outgunned, has always been the secret of successful defence. In the air it has been 'plane for 'plane and bomb for bomb until now the R.A.F. has soared to mastery of the daylight air, has clipped the wings of the Nazi night-birds, and thrust back the front over enemy territory. The army, chained at first to the French system of passive defence, has since shown wherever the opportunity was given it a bold initiative which one day will be repeated on a larger scale much nearer to the eagle's nest.

The German eagle has a number of disguises. Cooing like a dove in times of difficulty has become second nature to it, and doubtless that somewhat gutteral rencule-



PASSING IT ON.

"Eagles" Of The R.A.F.

It is, of course, impossible to state exactly how many Americans are now flying Spitfires and Hurricanes from British bases. But an indication of the number who would *like to* was given in New York as long ago as March.

Then, it was stated that since July, 1940, 3,000 American pilots had applied to join the R.A.F. and the Canadian Air Force.

Nearly every man of those accepted asked for a chance to "have a smack at the Nazi" from the cockpit of a fighter 'plane, but a large proportion had to be content with less spectacular jobs. Instructing in Canada claimed some hundreds. Others took on the responsible job of ferrying American 'planes across the Atlantic or from factory to airfield in Britain.

The "cream" of the volunteers found themselves with commissions in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve, a spread-eagle badge on the right arms of their uniforms, and a proud tradition dating from the last war to live up to.

For the Squadron was formed last October under the honorary command of Colonel Charles Sweeney, veteran of many campaigns, and organiser of the Escadrille Lafayette of American fliers which, during the war of 1914-18 brought down 99 German 'planes.

Ideal Leader

The actual Commanding Officer of the Eagle Squadron is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, son of a U.S. army officer, ex-member of the U.S. Naval Air Service, ex-airline pilot.

Taylor is an ideal man for the job. He came to the Squadron with ample experience of wartime flying. Finding himself in England at the outbreak of war, he promptly resigned from the U.S. Marine Reserve. Then he joined the Fleet Air Arm, and served in the aircraft carriers Glorious, Argus and Furious, later transferring to the R.A.F.

During the first year of war the number of American volunteers in the R.A.F. increased to such an extent that it was decided to form an entirely separate squadron, manned and commanded by Americans.

So, just about at the height of the Battle of Britain, the Eagle Squadron had its badge approved by the King.

Among the "foundation members" of the Squadron was every type of flier. Amateurs, airline pilots, "crop dusters" (the men who prevent disease from spreading among crops by spraying them with insecticides from the air), stunt pilots and parachutists, ex-Army and Navy fliers, a film star's secretary, a finance house worker. Many had given up good jobs in their eagerness to fight.

In a recent contingent was 30-year-old P. Ward, pilot-owner of a small Tennessee airline, who had sold up his business to join up; John Coen, ex U.S. Army pilot, who had resigned his job as a school-teacher; Bill Hall, "bush pilot" from Alaska who found the world's hardest flying country insufficiently exciting; and 19-year-old G. A. Daymond, already experienced as a "crop duster" in South Africa and South America, now the Squadron's youngest fighter.

By A.P. Luscombe Whyte

All the volunteers arrive in Britain as experienced fliers, some with hundreds of hours' flying behind them. Still, they need training as fighters, although they do not have to undergo the four gruelling stages of training which are needed to turn an inexperienced lad into an R.A.F. pilot.

So keen are Americans that several have dived after Nazi raiders while still in the training stage. It was on such a flight, in bad, cloudy weather, that one of the first Eagle pilots lost his life. He was 23-year-old E. E. Orbison from Oklahoma, described as "a really brilliant pilot—a 'natural'."

He spotted a Nazi 'plane before he had been in the air five minutes. Instead of diving away to safety, as he was fully justified in doing, he waded in to tackle the far more experienced enemy.

The Americans' keenness is exemplified by the story told by another young volunteer who gave up his job in a Hollywood studio to fight in France. After many adventures and setbacks he reached Paris while a heavy raid was in progress, and for the next few weeks he was seldom out of danger.

Paris was evacuated, and with other volunteers, he started a long trek. In crawling, jammed trains, by car and on foot, they made their way to Tours, to Bordeaux, to Bayonne, to St. Jean-de-Luz. Bombed every day, often without food or water, sometimes even starving, they wore their boots off their feet, but their enthusiasm still burned strong.

Fought In Battle

Finally, after a nightmare three-day sea trip with only dog-biscuits to eat, the volunteers reached England.

Here their Embassy produced return tickets to America—but the young volunteers would have none of them. Within a few days, their sheer determination had found them commissions in the R.A.F.

Three of the volunteers were sent to an Officers Training Unit, relates the Hollywood man. Here, after 20 minutes in an advanced trainer 'plane, he was put straight into a Spitfire. Twenty hours' flying in the fighter, and he found himself attached to an R.A.F. station in the south of England for several weeks final training.

That volunteer was just in time for the Battle of Britain. He brought down his first "confirmed," a Dornier bomber, on September 15, that great day when 185 Nazi 'planes were downed.

That was his second fight. On his first he secured two "probables" but by the strict R.A.F. rules was unable to claim them as kills.

ment will be turned on again in the final hour of Nazi defeat. But it was at a time when a particularly insidious appeal for a breathing-space was being made, in the last summer of last year, that Sir Robert Vansittart reminded us of the vicious habits of the German butcher-bird. The brain-fever-bird also figures in the repertory, as third-degree diplomacy to weaken potential Nazi victims abundantly testifies.

And finally the tactics of the cuckoo have long been the subject of serious study in Berlin. Iran is by no means the first foreign nest to have suffered the laying of German eggs, but its geographical situation made the situation thus provoked one of peculiar peril to India and her western neighbours. The destruction of the Nazi brood was a duty clearly laid upon Britain and her Russian ally, and they have refused to be diverted from it.

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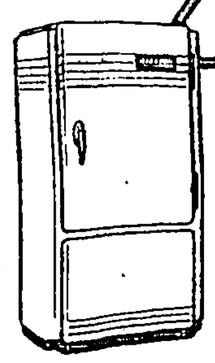

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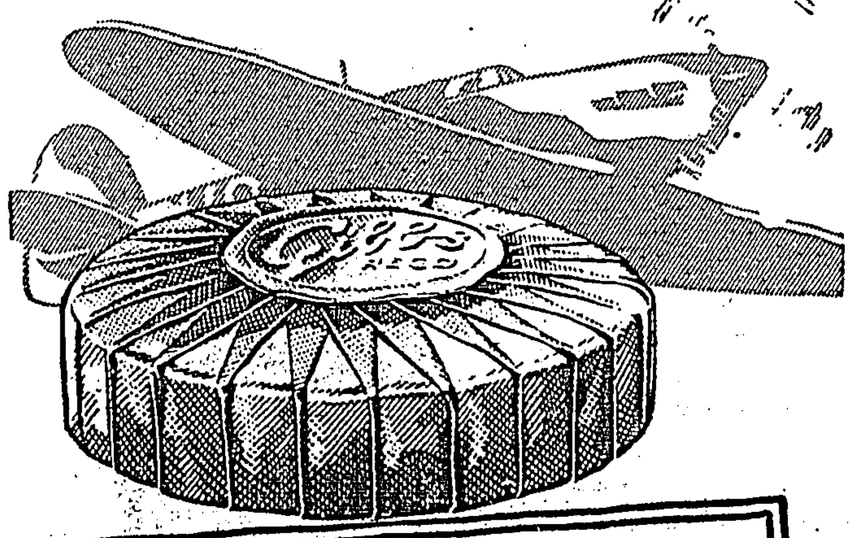

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CONSCRIPTION FOR WOMEN PREDICTED

(By Reuter's Political Correspondent)

FURTHER SUPPORT to the pleas of Members of Parliament that Government should adopt a more vigorous production policy, to which I referred on Monday, was given by editorials which appeared yesterday in "The Times" and "Manchester Guardian."

There is no question that public opinion is deeply stirred on the issue of production but Government are seriously handicapped by conditions of security from being able to reveal to the public anything but a small part of what they are doing and what further plans they have in mind.

The position of Russia, her heroic fight and her growing need of the weapons of war has made the issue of production in this country one of the greatest moment.

There is no question that the public would whole-heartedly endorse any [illegible]ection that Government might feel themselves compelled to take to secure the maximum output, and any sacrifices and hardships that such a course entailed would be borne both willingly and gladly.

Target Of Production

Government are by no means deaf to the entreaties that have been made to them but their desire is to attain with the maximum of dislocation the target of production at which they have aimed.

There is every reason to believe that further steps are contemplated by Government in the use of the extraordinary powers conferred on them by Parliament in the early days of their existence, more especially in regard to women.

Women Conscripts

Large numbers of women are required by the Auxiliary Territorial Service so that fit men can be released for fighting, and it would cause little surprise in political circles if a measure of compulsion is enforced, especially among younger women who are not doing work of national importance.

Over the whole field of national effort Government have a heavy responsibility to discharge but their task has been made easier by the fact that never before has there been such unity of purpose among the people.

Many dark and anxious times may still lie ahead but if Government, conscious only of the need for victory, act with boldness firmness and decision, they will have the unquestioned support of the nation.—Reuter.

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ESSENTIAL WORK ORDER

The British Government announced yesterday it expected that in the immediate future the "Essential Work" Order would be applied to the 200 "nucleus" mills in the cotton spinning industry.

Under the Order no employee is able to leave employment or be dismissed without official permission and — for the first time — operatives will receive guaranteed weekly wage rates.

This is the first time the Order has been invoked in a "concentrated" industry. It does not apply to the manufacturing section of the trade.

For some months the labour shortage in spinning mills has been increasing owing to operatives being called up for military service or leaving for munitions factories. — Reuter.

Severe Hunan Battle

A severe battle is now raging over the entire North Hunan front. The Japanese have thrown more than 100,000 men into the campaign, with the defenders offering stubborn resistance.

Simultaneously with land operations, there has been intensified enemy aerial activity against the Chinese positions, with Japanese bombers incessantly attacking Chinese troop concentrations.

In the Tungting Lake region, fresh Japanese attempts to land marines to the south of the Chinese line have failed.

On the northern bank of the Milo River, Chinese flank attacks are making [illegible]reciable progress.

In the direction of Pingkiang, a Japanese column has crossed the Milo River. The Japanese are attempting to consolidate their position on the southern bank and fighting is growing in severity.—Central News.

OUR AIRMEN LEARN GERMAN

Anticipating a lengthy occupation of Germany after the war the R.A.F. are busy learning German.

A recent census showed that 1,300 men and 200 W.A.A.F.s are taking German lessons and, the Air Ministry stated, "the interest is definitely growing."

Bulgaria Issues Denial

All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia yesterday, states a Sofia despatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the three-power pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union, establish a protectorate in the Crimea to control the Black Sea and participate in exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Bulgaria, he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed from any quarter.—Reuter.

ANGLO-SOVIET GET TOGETHER AT TEHERAN

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Teheran: Delayed)

OUTSIDE AN UNCOMPLETED MACHINE-GUN FACTORY IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF TEHERAN, WHERE BRITISH TROOPS ARE BILLETED, BRITISH AND SOVIET TROOPS HELD A CEREMONIAL PARADE.

Drawn up facing each other at each end of a large open space, the formations saluted both generals and cheered each other.

The Russians produced an impressive continuous roar like an American college shout, lasting half a minute.

At the end of the ceremony, the contingents marched past the generals and wheeled into a vast empty workshop where 600 bottles of beer were waiting.

A Soviet band in white tunics and dark breeches played as the men drank their beer.

The British contingent consisted of one of the world's smartest regiments, a West Country Yeomanry regiment, Gurkhas, Artillery and other regiments, and the Soviet soldiers included tank troops, mechanised infantry, infantry and engineers.

Trips Into Teheran

The British troops have now settled in great comfort in the machine-gun factory building, which is almost completed though lacking machinery.

Afternoons and evenings, men off duty are allowed to enter Teheran where amiably curious crowds gather round them as they wander from shop to shop buying miniatures made in the great art centre of Isfahan or delicate filigrees made in Tabiz.

Persians also flock to the city's many beer gardens to watch the British troops at close quarters.

Persians are particularly impressed by the fact that off duty the British troops (except the Gurkhas) carry no arms. The Gurkhas always wear kukris (long curved knives).

Soviet officers occasionally are seen in Teheran but never Soviet soldiers. — Reuter.

VOUCHERS, INITIALS AND DEBTS

(Continued from Page 1)

not understand when hundreds of them are not initialed. What explanation have you of that? Was it because you were too busy? — I simply forgot.

So you admit you did not perform the duties for which you were paid? I admit that I forgot to sign them. It was a mistake.

But you are paid to check the vouchers? — Yes.

You are a Government representative in Kin Lee and are supposed to check the vouchers. — I forgot to initial them but I checked every voucher. You can see my handwriting.

If you went to the trouble of checking why did you not go to the trouble to initial them? The initials "F.T.C." take only one fraction of a second. — I think I was too busy.

What were you busy doing? — Because sub-contractors' bills came in bundles. They were too many for me at a time.

Did Not Ask

Did you not report to Mr. Buchanan that you needed assistance? -- I did tell him but did not ask for assistance.

Am I correct in saying that the system was that after your initialling Mr. Buchanan would also put on his initials? — No.

Mr. Buchanan did not initial these vouchers? -- Yes. He initialled this voucher. (Witness pointed to a voucher.)

Am I not right in saying that the system was that you being the man representing Government, was supposed to check vouchers on the spot, put on your initials, send them to Mr. Buchanan, who in turn would put on his initials, and then they are paid by Government? -- In the case of every voucher Mr. Buchanan also asked me explanations about them before he initialled them.

So you take them to Mr. Buchanan and go through each of them? — Yes.

If you had time to do that why did you not put your initials on each voucher when they came to your office at Hunghom? — I was wrong in not putting on my initials simply through forgetfulness.

"Be Careful"

The Chairman informed witness that the Commission intended to call Mr. Buchanan and that witness would have to be careful in his answers.

Chairman: Are you seriously suggesting that you explained every one of the vouchers to Mr. Buchanan? — All the vouchers were examined.

And you did this in the Hong Kong office of the P.W.D.? — In most cases I went to Mr. Buchanan's office in Messrs. Marsman's premieses.

Messrs. Marsman's premises? Where? — The Hong Kong Bank premises.

Is Mr. Buchanan employed by Messrs. Marsman's or the P.W.D.? — The P.W.D. but his office is in the Hong Kong Bank Building.

So you took Kin Lee's vouchers to Marsman's office in Hong Kong? — Yes.

A lot of vouchers are in Chinese. — Yes.

Does Mr. Buchanan read and write Chinese? — He can't write but he can read some figures.

So you had to translate all these vouchers? — Yes.

That took some time, I think? — Yes.

"Can't Answer"

When you were doing this wonderful work who was in charge of the office at Hunghom? — George Tsang.

Suppose the other sub-contractors' bills came in what would happen to them? — George Tsang would do it and keep all the vouchers until I returned and hand them over to me.

According to what you said you explained every voucher to Mr. Buchanan. You told us that you failed to put your initials on the vouchers because you forgot. When you went through the vouchers with Mr. Buchanan you must have seen that your initials were not on them. Why did you not put them on then?

Witness hesitated.

Chairman: What's the answer? —I can't answer.

Had you any occasion when checking off these vouchers to refuse to pass them because the amount was too much or because there was something wrong with them? — Yes, on several occasions.

No Note

Can you point out one of these? You may stand down and do so. —On occasions when I discovered something wrong and refused to pass the vouchers they would then be returned for amendment and re-writing by the sub-contractor.

When they are returned do you put a note on them that the original one had been refused?—No.

I suggest to you that you grossly neglected to do your work; that the Commission do not believe for one moment that you went through every one of the vouchers with Mr. Buchanan, that you have told us a series of lies and that by your neglect to do your duty Government have been led to pay more than they should have.

Witness did not answer.

Sole Proprietor

The next witness was Li Man-shing.

Are you a contractor?—No, I am a sub-contractor.

What is the name of your firm? —Li Man-shing.

Are you a sub-contractor for work on tunnels in Kowloon?—Yes.

Who are the partners of your firm?—I am the sole proprietor.

When was the firm formed?—It has been in existence for several tens of years.

What was the capital?—Only a very small capital.

How much?—Since the firm is my own. I do not know how much I put in.

You must know how much when you started.—When I started it was only $80 to $100 from my savings.

What is the capital now?—I do not know how much the business is worth now.

Do you keep any books?—Yes.

Can you not find out?—I have several contracts . . .

All the more reason why you should know your capital.—I must find out.

Have you a banking account?—Yes, but formerly I had only a savings account.

When did you open the banking account?—This year about April or May.

Which Bank?—The Bank of East Asia, Kowloon branch.

Li Man-shing is your own name?—Yes.

Brothers

Have you any brothers?—Several younger than I.

Name them:—Li Yee.

How old?—I do not know.

Older or younger?—Younger.

What is your age?—50.

Then what is your brother's age about?—He must be 45 or 46.

The others?—Li Chuen-shing. He is younger than Li Yee.

What is his age?—About 40 to 45.

Who is next?—The third who is four or five years younger is Li Yin.

Has any one of them got a share in the business?—None has any interest in the business.

Where are your brothers?—Li Yee is in Hong Kong but the rest are in the country.

No interest in the firm?—None since the family estate has been divided.

Did they ever have a share in the business?—Never at any time since I started the business of Li Man-shing.

Did Li Yee work in the business?—No.

Where does he work?—I do not know what business he is doing.

When did you last see him?—Only a few days ago.

Is Hong Kong?—Yes.

The Bailiffs

Do you know the Union Express Co.?—No, Sir, I don't.

Have you never heard of it?—Never.

Was your brother at your place when the bailiffs came?—He was not there, I was not there.

Did you hear that your brother was there then?—I did not.

Do you know Kwong Ming?—No.

Or Kwong Wing of Kin Lee?—Yes.

You know No. 207, Jaffe Road? —No.

Never been there?—No.

What do you actually do as a sub-contractor on the tunnels?—Build the side walls, arches and concrete line the walls.

Do you know the Kwong Wing Co.?—Yes.

Do you know that the Kwong Wing Co. also does this work for Marsman's?—Yes, but the work is done by me.

Who paid you?—Kwong Wing and Co.

Do Marsman's pay Kwong Wing?—I think so.

Does Kwong Wing send in the bills?—I don't know.

Did Kwong Wing sub-let the contract of Marsman's to you?—Yes.

Do you know that Kwong Wing uses similar note paper to you?—It was like this: when the work was done by me, at the end of the month, Kwong Wing will go with a Government official—

M. Kwong

Who is the gentleman M. Kwong?—He is the younger brother of Kwong Wing.

Why does he sign your account? —Because Kwong Ming audits the accounts of Kin Lee.

But he does not seem to audit any other accounts or bills but those of Union Express Co., Kwong Wing, and yours—and also Ah Din and Co.?—I do not know.

None else; here are China Light and other bills but this great auditor has not seen them!

I am going to suggest to you that there is a very intimate connection between the three firms—not forgetting Mr. Ah Din. Am I right or wrong?—I do not know anything about Union Express and Kwong Wing, but Ah Din. . . .

Is my suggestion right or wrong? —Wrong.

The Whole Story

I am also telling you that all these firms use note paper with the exception of Mr. Ah Din. — I must tell you that whatever work was done by us was very neat and clean and can be checked any time.

But how came you to use the same note paper as Kwong Wing? — I must tell you the whole story. Whatever work was done by me was measured up at the end of each month by Kwong Wing together with a Government official, with or without my presence, and he would get payment from Government.

But why did you use Kwong Wing's note paper? — We did not use Kwong Wing's note paper. We used Kin Lee's.

So you and Kwong Wing and other sub-contractors use Kin Lee's note paper? — May I tell you the whole story, as otherwise you will not understand.

Yes, tell us the whole story. That's what we are trying to find out. — The work is measured up and Kin Lee makes out a bill. They expect us to copy this on to our own paper, but instead of doing so, I just put my chop on to the bill made out by them to save time.

So this is the happy position. You agree to all the accounts made out by Kin Lee? — We check it eventually; I myself, Kwong Wing and a Government official.

But then if that was so, why was it necessary for Kin Lee to make out the bill? — The work is measured up every day.

"Another Blind?"

I am going to make a very pertinent suggestion to you. You may be a business man of many years' standing, but in point of fact your firm is another blind for Kwong Wing . . . No sir . . . and he uses you to overcharge Government. — No sir.

Do you know George Tsang?—Yes.

He checks the work of Kwong Wing?—Yes.

And Mr. Ah Din? — I don't know.

You only know about yourself and Kwong Wing?—Yes.

Have you a motorcar?—Yes. One No. 599 and the other No. 60.

How much did you pay for each? —A little over $200 for 599 and about $700 for 60.

You ever allow George Tsang to use your car?—Yes.

You allow any other Government official to use it?—Not allow them to use it but I sometimes give them lifts.

Foreman Chauffeur

You gave all Government foremen lifts, did you?—No, there was accommodation for only two or three.

Well, put it this way. You used to give lifts to the Government foreman who was supervising your work?—Not always.

Have you ever allowed your car to drive George Tsang to his house or the Y.M.C.A.?—I don't know.

Did your chauffeur ever tell you?—My foreman is my chauffeur.

Did he ever tell you that he used to drive George Tsang to his place of residence?—No.

Are you surprised to hear it? — I believe that sometimes he did use my car when it was passing his house.

By a strange coincidence your car would sometimes pass his house and he would use it? — I know very little about my car because I seldom use it.

Well, I am going to tell you why you know very little about

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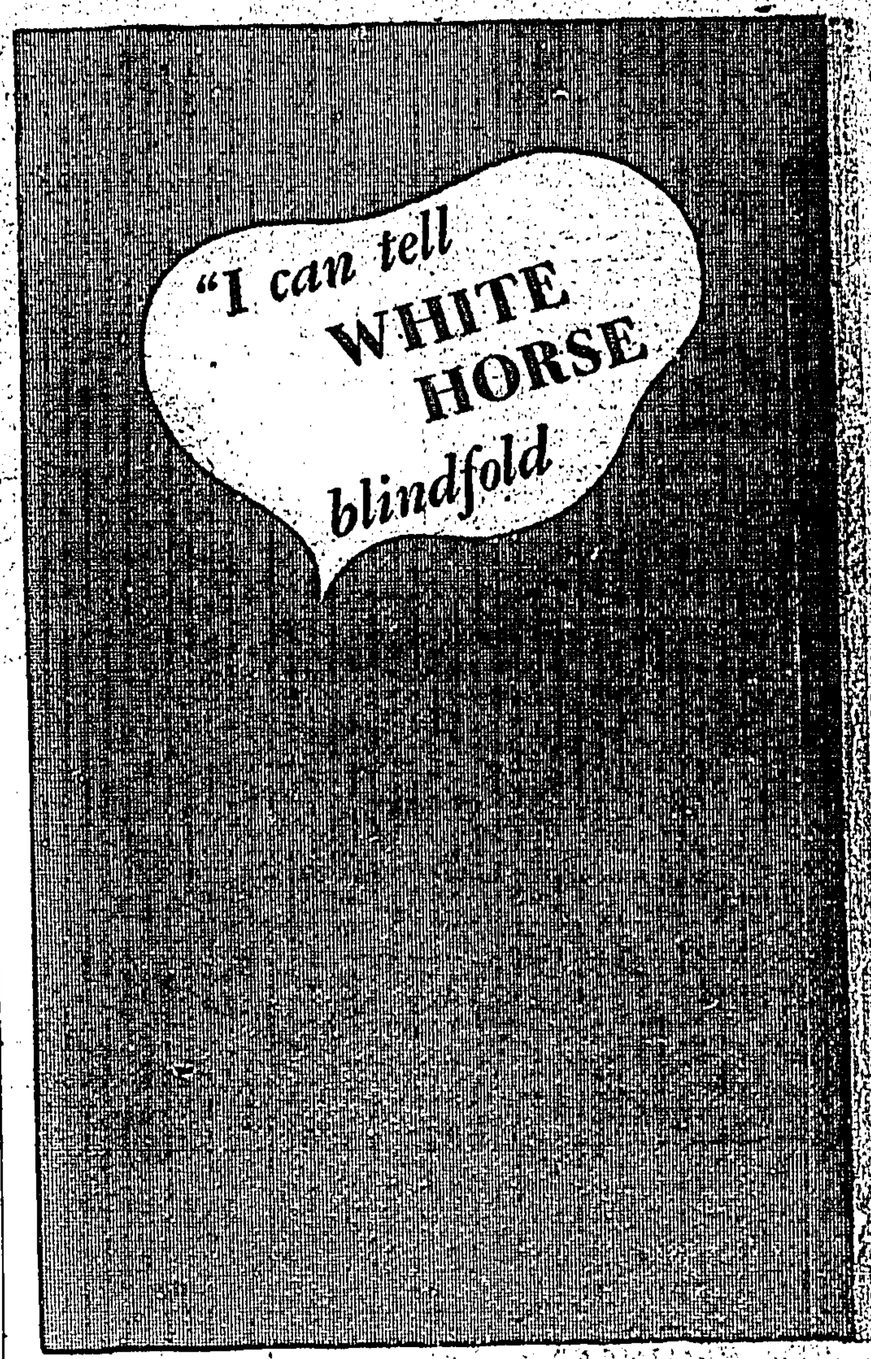

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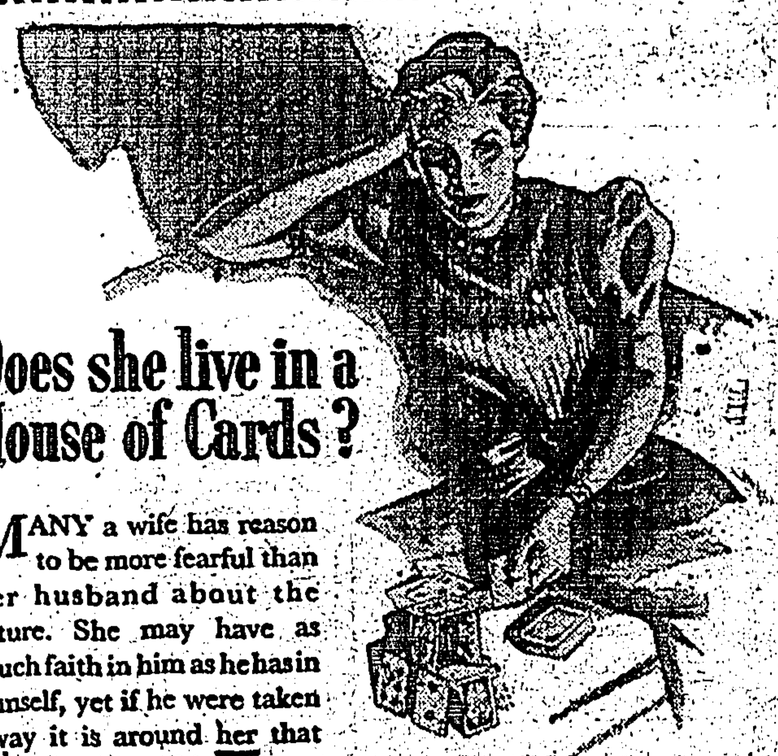

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Hong Kong, 20th Sept., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING FULL VALUE
By The Four Aces

The summer championships in contract bridge now being played at Asbury Park, N.J., remind us of a hand played there last year. The play illustrates a point of particular importance to tournament players:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ 10 5 4 3
◇ 10 7 3
♣ 8 7 2

WEST
♠ K Q 2
♡ K 9
◇ A Q 4
♣ A J 9 6 3

EAST
♠ J 9 8 5
♡ 8 7 6 2
◇ J 9 2
♣ K 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♡ A Q J
◇ K 8 6 5
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Poor South had a good enough no-trump bid but was unfortunate enough to be caught with a worthless dummy and two strong and aggressive opponents. As the play developed, it soon became apparent to both sides that the East-West cards were strong enough to have produced a vulnerable game but for the turn the bidding had taken.

Now in tournament play, each hand is played at many different tables; and the object at each table is to do better with the cards than was done at any other table. So, South, doomed to defeat as he was, was still trying to lose less than the value of a vulnerable game — for that's what the North-South players would probably lose at other tables. And East-West were trying to set South four tricks so as to get more than the value of their vulnerable game.

West opened the six of clubs, East winning and returning the suit. West won the second trick with the Jack of clubs and laid down the Ace, getting the deuce of hearts from East. West then postponed the cashing of the rest of the clubs, shifting to the King of spades.

South wisely refused to win the trick, and refused the next spade lead also. That prevented West from giving the lead to his partner later on with a spade. Now West had to be careful. He cashed his two good clubs, noting that South discarded two diamonds. Thereupon West boldly led the Ace and a low diamond, knocking out South's diamond King. West later got in with the King of hearts to cash the Queen of diamonds for the coveted four trick set.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♡ K Q 9 7 4
◇ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is the normal bid of the higher-ranking suit on a hand which contains two good biddable suits of equal length.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 830

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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10-DAY BAG—4 NAZIS

During the ten days after a Canadian "Wings for Britain" fund Spitfire named "King's Messenger" had joined a famous fighter squadron it accounted for four enemy aircraft.

The honeymoon is over when the groom discovers money slips through the bride's fingers as easily as it does his own.

AN AIR GUNNER'S TRIBUTE

AS THE CREW OF A BOMBER ABOUT TO SET OUT ON ONE OF THE RECENT HEAVY RAIDS ON NORTH WEST GERMANY WERE WALKING TOWARDS THEIR DISPERSAL POINT, THE PILOT SAW HIS GUNNER PICK A FEW POPPIES. HE WONDERED WHAT THE GUNNER WANTED WITH THEM.

It was a hard journey, with bad weather and fierce anti-aircraft fire from the target, but the crew did their work well, taking time to make sure of their position and aim. They saw some sheds in a ship-building yard blown to pieces by their bombs.

It was not till they had landed safely that the pilot remembered the poppies and asked the rear gunner what he had done with them.

"I dropped them out when the bombs went down," the rear gunner said. "They were for Boxer, my mate. He went down there a few weeks ago."

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INTERNED STAR ON RADIO

Mr. Henry Mollison, the British West End actor, took part in a concert broadcast from an internment camp in Germany by Bremen radio.

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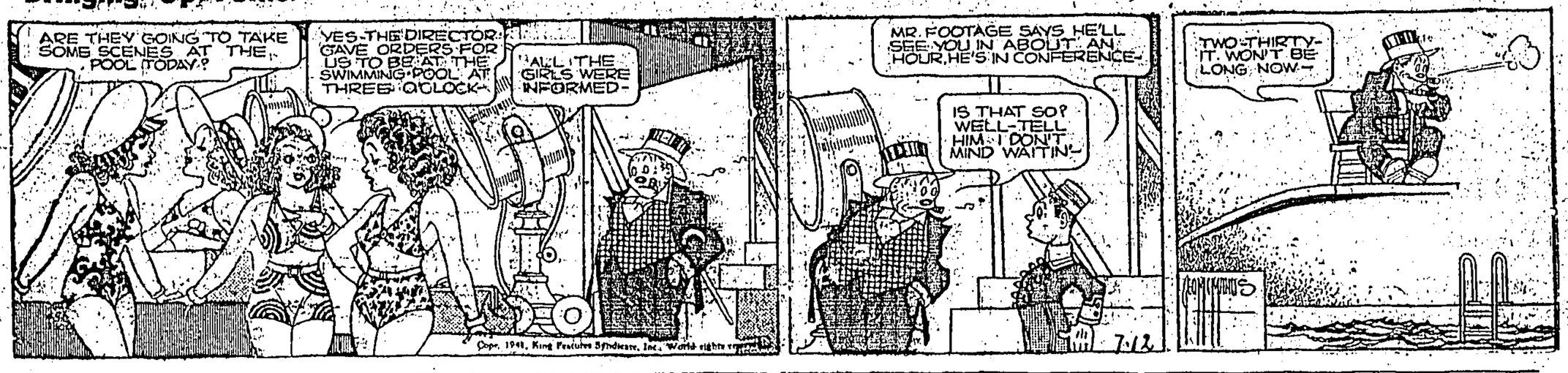

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Eat Right Food To Keep Beautiful

Statistics show that as large a percentage of the upper income group are as poorly nourished as those in the lower income group. This is attributed to ignorance of food values and nothing else.

The fad diets of recent years (such as skimmed milk and bananas) are scorned by those working for the public welfare. Beauty of body depends on properly balanced daily menus—one that supplies vitamins and minerals in plenty—and no woman can continue to be healthy, strong and beautiful on a less scientific eating plan.

Try to include in your meals every day—MILK, 1 pint or more; TOMATOES, ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT, GREEN CABBAGE, RAW SALAD GREENS, 1 or more servings; LEAFY GREEN, OR YELLOW VEGETABLES, 1 or more servings; OTHER VEGETABLES OR FRUIT, 2 or more servings; EGGS 1 a day or at least 3 or 4 a week (you may count those used in puddings and other cooking); LEAN MEAT, POULTRY FISH, 1 or more servings; CEREALS AND BREAD, at least 2 servings of whole-grain products or "enriched" bread; SOME FATS, SOME SWEETS (in moderation — molasses; syrups, honey, jellies, jams, sugars, and desserts); AND SIX OR MORE GLASSES OF WATER, sunshine is vitally necessary to all.

Rare, alluring beauty such as Janet Blair has is only possible if health is up to par.

Good Menus Pay Dividends

Women who complain of general beauty problems such as poor complexions, tired and fading hair, minor aches, breaking fingernails, are really complaining about malnutrition. They may eat hearty meals but those meals may not be well balanced. They may eat what they like and not eat what they should to keep their bodies in good working order.

The right food builds and repairs your body, keeps it in good running order, gives you energy for work and play, helps to prolong your prime of life and is the basis of good health which is, after all, the foundation of beauty.

Impeccable Beauty

There is a tendency on the part of some women to "let down" too much during summer and early autumn. They feel so full of fresh air and sunshine that they let a lethargy slowly get the best of them and before they know it, their external beauty is in need of much reconditioning.

Time was, when college girls and athletic women scorned the details of impeccable grooming. They let their hair fly willy-nilly or screwed it up in an unbecoming tight knot. They refused to hear about the good work of depilatories and the necessity of protecting the skin against the elements. The result was, as you may guess, they looked unlovely and older even though they may have been in the pink of health.

To-day's sportswoman does everything to look her loveliest at all times. Active sports clothes are beautifully cut and tailored. Complexions are kept soft by the protection of creams or lotions. Coiffures are kept in place by becoming sports hats, bandanas or turbans. And a lipstick is as essential to a golfer as her golf balls!

How to confuse your opponent—make your bet and take out your lipstick! While she wonders if you have a full house, improve your poker face with a long-lasting lipstick in sunlight honey—the right shade to accent dude-ranch clothes or play up a fair complexion.

Habit Makes Perfect

As habit makes grooming easy, let me urge all of you to avoid late summer dowdiness. In fact you should be more ravishing at the end of the summer than you were at its beginning! Don't let September find you with faded hair, weather-beaten skin, coarse hands and roughened cuticle. If the heat got you for a time, invest right away in a few inspirational beauty aids such as a tonic for your hair, a reconditioning cream for your skin, a set of exciting new make-up in flattering colours, a new manicure-pedicure set and the loveliest bottle of cologne that your budget will permit. Then indulge an hour or two in a complete clean-up. Experience a self-confidence all over again and go out after what you want! If you like yourself after a good session of grooming you can be assured that others will like you too!

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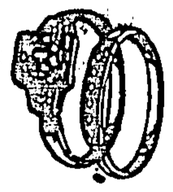

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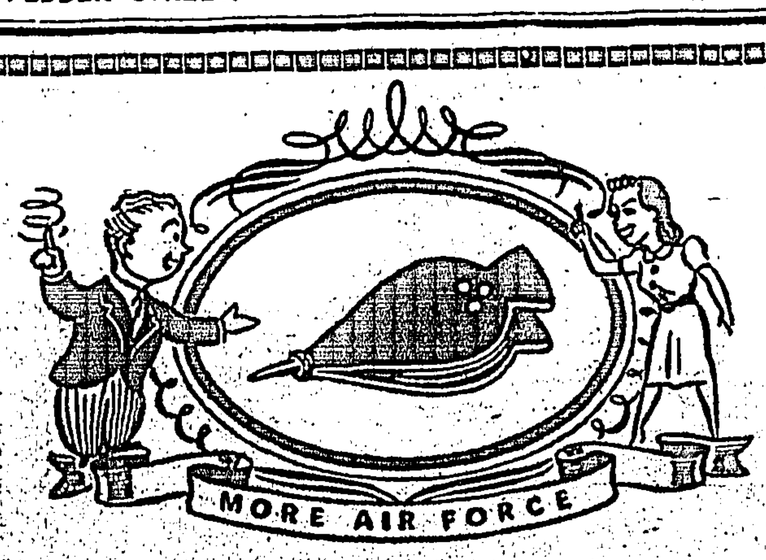

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See Further Announcements.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music by Gerald Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm.
Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (from film "Her Master's Voice"); Quick-Step—Taggin' Along With You....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—Just Remember; Quick-Step—My Gal Mezzanine....Gerry Moore (Piano solo).
Fox-Trots—Ti-Pi-Tin; Always and Always (from film "Mannequin")....Gerry Moore & his Rhythm.
Slow Fox-Trot—When Two Love Each Other; Quick-Step—Don't You Care What Anyone Says....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
Slow Fox-Trot—I'm Building A Sailboat Of Dreams....Gerald Moore (Piano solo).
7.15 p.m.—Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).
Dancing On The Ceiling; Just By Your Example (both from "Evergreen")....Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"The Town Talks"—Piano Medley (Ellis)....Vivian Ellis.
When You've Got A Little Springtime In Your Heart (from film "Evergreen"—Harry Woods) .... Jessie Matthews with Orchestra.
"On Your Toes"—Piano Medley—Intro: On Your Toes; The Heart Is Quicker Than The Eye (Hart & Rodgers)....Vivian Ellis.
7.35 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
Hail Vienna—Potpourri (Dostal); "Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Selection (Abraham); "Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan).... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—A Ketelbey Programme.
Sunbeams and Butterflies; In The Moonlight....The London Palladium Orchestra.
The Vision Of Fuji-San .... Reginald Foort (Organ solo).
In A Persian Market....Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
By The Blue Hawaiian Waters—Intro: The "Hula" Dance; The "Kanaka" Lover Appears; The Song of the "Hula" Girl; Dance Of The Betrothal Ceremony....Reginald Foort (Organ).
Sanctuary Of The Heart....The London Palladium Orchestra.
'Appy 'Ampstead (from "Cockney Suite")....Albert Ketelbey & his Concert Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Record Review arranged by John Abbott.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.48 p.m.—Berlioz—"King Lear" Overture, Op. 4. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Short Piano Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
Evocacion (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz).
10.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Cagliostro Waltz, Op. 370 (Johann Strauss)....Boston Promenade Orch
The Wanderer (arr. Palmgreen); Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child; Poem (Minstrel); Man (Hughes) .... Paul Robeson with Piano.
Spanish Dance In C Minor, Op 12, No. 2 (Moszkowski); Bolero In D Major (Spanish Dance Op. 12, No. 5—Moszkowski)....The Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Love Song (from film "Sanders of the River"—Wimperis)....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.
Song Of India (from "Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); Intermezzo (from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni)....The Boston Orch.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondent".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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GRANNIE, 74, DEFIES BOMBS

Bombs can't drive "Grannie" Mary Campbell, 74-year-old Merseyside raid heroine from her home.

In the last raid on the area, she—

Crawled through a hole to safety from a bombed crypt; escaped from her bed when the roof of her home collapsed from a direct hit; got away from a burning rest centre.

She was evacuated to a home in the country, but returned this week to her old environment in a congested working-class area waiting for her home to be repaired so that she can move into it again.

The first thing she discovered was the disappearance of her bed. Someone had stolen it in her absence.

"I must have been born under a lucky star," she said.

"The devil—that's Hitler—may follow me, but he will never get me.

"Hitler can do his worst, but he's not driving me from home.

SERGEANT IN R.A.F. POSTER IS MISSING

A young R.A.F. sergeant-observer, whose portrait looks down from the hoardings in a war-time appeal, has been posted missing, believed killed. His name is Ernest John Holland.

His pointing finger gave emphasis to his message: "You can help to build me a 'plane."

LOCAL SHARES

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Hong Kong Bank $1480 b.
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H.K. and S. Hotels $4.15 b., $4.-30 s.
H.K. Lands $36¾ b.
H.K. Realties $3.85 b., $4.05 s.
Chinese Estates $100 b.
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H.K. Tramways $17.90 b., $18 sa.
Yaumati Ferries $24 b.
China Lights (Old) $7.10 b.
H.K. Electrics Ex. Rts. $23½ sa.
H.K. Electrics (New) $23 sa.
H.K. Electrics Rights $12.80 b.
Macao Electrics $18½ sa.
Telephones (Old) $24.80 b., $25 sa.
Telephones (New) $9.30 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements $16.05 b.
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Entertainments $6.90 b.
Constructions (Old) $1¾ b.
LAST DAY'S SALES
30 Docks @ $19½
200 Docks @ $19¾
1,500 Providents @ $7.40
1,580 Hotels @ $4¼
100 Trams @ $18
1,000 Electrics (New) @ $23
100 Macao Elec.: @ $18½
500 Telephones (Old) @ $25
500 Ropes @ $10½
200 Dairy Farms @ $19.35
300 Dairy Farms @ $19½
350 Watsons @ $13½
700 Watsons @ $13.60

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STOCK EXCHANGE CHEERFUL

The London Stock Exchange continues cheerful with the markets again mostly firm. Fair investment enquiry was evident but the shortage of stock restricts business. Gilt-edged and India loans gained further ground while breweries were good features among industrials and American issues in oils. Argentine rails improved on local political developments but Brazil bonds reflected disappointment in connection with the coffee loan redemption tender acceptances. Kaffirs responded well to Cape demand. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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TRADE UNIONS TO MEET IN MOSCOW

It was officially stated in London yesterday that arrangements are now in hand for the first meeting between delegates of the Trades Union Congress and the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions, to take place in Moscow.

The representatives will be Mr. Wolsten Croft, Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Walter Citrine, General-Secretary, Mr. P. Allen, Mr. A. Conley and Mr. H. N. Harrison.—Reuter.

CRASHED AIR CREW 11 DAYS ADRIFT

Two airmen gave their lives in an unsuccessful effort to save four other R.A.F. men drifting in a dinghy after a forced landing in the Mediterranean.

Three hours later the men in the boat were picked up after being at sea for eleven days.

The survivors, a pilot-officer and three sergeants, are recuperating in hospital.

In their boat they had only one and a half pints of water, nine biscuits, 15 pieces of chewing gum, and some chocolate.

They rationed the water in two teaspoonfuls twice daily.

On the ninth day they were seen by an R.A.F. flyingboat, but a destroyer sent out to rescue them was unsuccessful.

On the eleventh morning they saw on the horizon four British destroyers.

Two of the airmen on board the dinghy plunged overboard and set out on a four-mile swim. They were never seen again.

Eventually the ships vanished out of sight.

It was largely due to the efforts of two Dornier aeroplanes—at one time part of the Yugoslav Fleet Arm, and now attached to an R.A.F. squadron — that they were brought to safety, for three hours later the aeroplanes sighted the dinghy.

A destroyer was summoned and picked up the exhausted men.

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"LATE ARRIVALS" CLUB

A club, exclusive as it is unique, has just been formed in the Western Desert. It is called "The Late Arrivals Club" and the members are a small body of fliers who have been shot down in action and have, through initiative and courage, managed to elude the enemy and gain the safety of their own lines.

The members include a D.S.O. and many D.F.C.'s. There are one or two Free Frenchmen eligible, and at least three South Africans. Some members are doubly eligible having thwarted the enemy on more than one occasion. The "Late Arrivals" sport a badge designed in blue and white enamel, and consisting of a winged flying boot signifying that most members of the club have walked back from behind the enemy lines.

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HOW AN "AUSSIE" JOINED THE R.A.F.

Among the pilots operating with a Fighter Squadron of Hurricanes named after the State of Hyderabad is an Australian.

Born in a small town in Western Australia he worked as a bank clerk in Melbourne for several years. From childhood he was intensely interested in flying, and for several years he piloted civil aircraft in Australia. When his bank refused to give him a day's leave to see the finish of the Mildenhall—Melbourne air race in 1934, he decided literally to "hand in his cheque."

Paying his own fare he sailed for England, and early in 1936 joined the Royal Air Force. Now he records credits and debits of a different sort.

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CUT IN DUTY ON WHEAT

It is understood that the Government of India is considering a reduction of the import duty on wheat at the earliest possible moment, according to a Reuter telegram from Bombay this morning.

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NOTHING DOING

A communique issued by G.H.Q., Cairo states: "Nothing of importance to report."—British Wireless.

VOUCHERS, INITIALS AND DEBTS

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your car, because it was for the sole use of George Tsang. — No.

And that he had been seen driving about in your car several times before this Commission sat but not since. — No.

And that you and Kwong Wing allowed George Tsang to use this car so that he would not perform his duties to the Government in a satisfactory manner. — No.

Value Of Contract

Do you know Tung Shan? — Yes.

Are you also a sub-contractor to them? — Yes.

Who are the partners of Tung Shan? — I don't know.

What is the total value of the contract you had for Tung Shan? — I must look that up.

What is the total value of the A.R.P. contract you got from Kin Lee? — Up to now about $50,000.

Up to now about $50,000? It may even go up to $100,000? But you can take it from this Commission that it won't. Now you can remember the value of the contract yet you cannot remember the capital of your company. — About $10,000.

Not Satisfied

How did you suddenly remember that in half an hour?—You have just asked me what is the capital of my firm, now I am referring to the capital I invested in the A.R.P. work I did for Kin Lee.

So you run the A.R.P. work separately?—Certainly, there is a separate book for A.R.P. work.

And the capital of $10,000 appears in that book?—We are only sub-contractors and we are paying out every day.

But you said you invested $10,000 solely for work with Kin Lee.—By capital I mean we have done so much work but we are not paid in full by Kin Lee, so that Kin Lee owes us money. I work it out that if Kin Lee pays up all he owes us, my capital should be $10,000.

So Kin Lee owes you $10,000?—More than that.

Separate Capital

And work done to date is over $50,000?—Yes.

You know they are paid twice monthly?—I didn't know that.

Have you ever complained to Kin Lee?—Yes.

What did Mr. Kwong Wing say?—He said he would pay me when they got the money from Government.

When was the last time you complained to Kin Lee?—I do that every day.

When was the last time you were paid by Kin Lee?—On the 19th or 20th of this month.

How much?—$5,000.

And what was that for?—That was payment on account for work done.

Up to what period, though?—There is no question as to up to when, he has been paying from time to time. The money he owes me has accumulated to a sum and the payments he makes from time to time are towards that.

Complained

And are you satisfied with that?—No.

Then why do you go on with the work?—About 10 days ago I threatened to stop work but Mr. Bishop came to the site and said there was no fear as the money would be paid.

Did Mr. Bishop tell you the money had been paid?—No.

I will give you a piece of advice. If ever Kin Lee is two weeks in arrears stop work and sue him. Another piece of advice. Go back to Kin Lee and tell him that unless he pays you $10,000 he owes you to-day you will take out a writ against him.—I always do that.

You always do that but you never do anything.—Yes, but then there is always a Government official mediating.

Mr. Bishop's Intervention

Who is this mediator?—Mr. Bishop.

So Mr. Bishop is mediator?—Yes, it was because of that that Kin Lee paid me $5,000.

So it was through Mr. Bishop's intervention that you were paid $5,000?—Yes.

Well, you tell Kin Lee that you don't want Mr. Bishop's intervention any more and if they do not pay you you will sue them—I cannot do that unless Government sends a man to measure up the work done with Kin Lee and myself.

What work done?—The work done up to date. I will take Kin Lee's word if he measures up the work with George Tsang.

I understand the measuring up is done every day.—That is only approximate.

But if what the foremen say is correct your work was measured up to this morning.—Not my work, only the work done on the other sites.

Serious Matter

Chairman (to interpreter): We want him to bring the book he keeps respecting A.R.P. work, showing the capital that he started with and the money he has received and also his Bank of East Asia passbook.

Witness: They don't have passbooks, they only have monthly statements.

Chairman: Well then bring the monthly statements.

While the interpreter was explaining this to witness the latter started laughing.

Chairman (to interpreter): Ask him what is the joke.

Interpreter: He says he was wondering why you want those statements. That's why he is laughing.

Chairman: Tell him it is no laughing matter. It is a very serious matter.

Hearing was adjourned till 3 p.m. to-day.

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER TO BRAVE SHARKS

PAUL CHOTTEAU IS TRAINING FOR HIS THIRD ATTEMPT TO SWIM FROM BIMINI TO THE FLORIDA COAST, A FEAT THAT REQUIRES EXPOSING HIS 235 POUNDS TO SHARKS FOR AT LEAST 30 HOURS, WRITES LUTHER EVANS.

Chotteau's sponsor, Edwin C. Hersh, a New York insurance broker with nothing better to do with his money, says the swim is an obsession with the 43-year-old Frenchman.

Challenging ugly hammerheads and 60 miles of surging Gulf Stream tides is an unusual hobby and, in Chotteau's case, a tough way in which to try to make a few honest dollars.

Chotteau, a concert violinist by profession, discarded his fiddle for a specific reason. He tells you frankly that he could use some money.

World Champion

Recognised by the A.A.U. as the world champion open water distance swimmer, the robust paddler hopes to cash in, if successful, through personal appearances and endorsements.

Twice last year Chotteau failed. On the first attempt he was pulled into the boat suffering from cramp after navigating 38 miles.

Nine miles from Palm Beach was the closest he could get to land on the second try.

When hauled from the water, after 36 hours and 2 minutes, he had established a world open water record by swimming 144½ miles.

The difficulty was that he was steadily being swept farther out to sea.

Other Unusual Feats

Chotteau, Olympic 1,500-metre champion of 1920, began distance swimming in 1936, when he paddled 44 miles from Catalina Island to Santa Monica, Calif., after failing in five earlier efforts. In 1938, he made it from Santa Barbara to Venice, Calif., a distance of 51 miles.

Chotteau swims entirely in the nude, with his body covered with lamp-black for protection from the sun. His only equipment is a pair of light goggles.

He is fed liquid food, containing dextrose, glucose and malt-rose at two-hour intervals.

Last year on his second swim Chotteau lost 30 pounds and was confined to a hospital for two days. He takes cod liver oil in large quantities to restore his strength.

Chotteau, who must wait for favourable weather, hopes to make the swim within a month.

First Triumph

Exclusive of the channel swimmers—English and Catalina and the Toronto swim, there have been many unusual aquatic feats.

One of the more unusual was the "paced" record established by Otto Kemmerich in Berlin on a bet in 1928. Kemmerich wagered he could outlast a sea lion at continuous swimming in a pool.

The sea lion, forced to keep on swimming as long as he was able, collapsed after 42 hours. Kemmerich stayed in the pool for 46 hours.

Charles Zimmy, a legless swimmer, set the world endurance record in 1931, when he swam for 10 hours in a Honolulu pool.

Zimmy more recently was credited with swimming down the Hudson from Albany to New York, a distance of 140 miles.

Longest swim on record was a 2,300-mile navigation down the Mississippi from Minneapolis to New Orleans by Fred Newton of Clinton, Okla., in 1931. He was in the water 72 swimming hours.

SOLINA AND OMAR CAUSE BOWLS UPSET

A sensation was caused in lawn bowls circles yesterday at K.B.G.C. when, playing in the quarter-final of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar defeated H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, holders of the title for two years in succession, by 21-12.

Solina matched Alves wood for wood, while Omar played surprisingly good bowls to beat Ribeiro at almost every end.

Perfect Green

The green was perfect albeit a trifle fast, both hands taking very well. With Solina lying the shot more often than not, Omar's duties were reduced to those of blocking, and this he did effectively, though on the occasions that he was required to "come in for the shot" he invariably obliged.

A four at the 4th gave Omar a 6-2 lead, and after Ribeiro had made the score 4-8 against him with a single at the 8th, Omar ran into a match-winning lead of 17-4 with 1 1 2 3 1 1 at the 14th.

Ribeiro replied with 1 2 1 1 but a 3 for Omar at the next end saw him holding a 20-9 advantage. Ribeiro then scored a 3, but that was to no avail as a single at the last end gave Omar and his partner a well-deserved win after scoring at 12 ends, the scores being:—

K.M.O.: 0 2 0 4 1 0 1 0 1 1 2 3 1 1 0
0 0 0 3 0 1 = 21

F.V.V.R.: 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 2 1 1 0 3 0 = 12

BEAUSITE WINS SWAFFHAM STAKES

The Swaffham Stakes, over a mile and two furlongs, was expected to provide a good test for the Cambridgeshire horses, but various reasons reduced the field to only four runners, two of which had been entered for the race.

The Swaffham Stakes was won by Mrs. James's Beausite, a filly by Boldarcher out of Orama, trained by Colling and ridden by Ephraim Smith. The other Cambridgeshire candidate, Diadoque, Mr. Vlastos' colt by Blandford out of Dulce, was third.

Prince Aly Khan's Annatom, by Titerari out of Antonina, was second, being beaten by a head, there being four lengths between the second and third horses.

The betting was 5 to 2 Beausite, 4 to 6 Annatom and 100 to 6 Diadoque.

Beausite, it will be recalled, placed second in the Thousand Guineas.—Reuter.

CRICKET LEAGUE MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Hong Kong Cricket League will be held this afternoon at 5.15 p.m. in the Urban Council chamber.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB MEETING

The Annual General meeting of Kowloon Chess Club will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at Peninsula Hotel.

TROJANS BREAK THEIR DUCK

Results of the Open League basketball matches played at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday were:—

Trojans	47	V.R.C.	23
Wah Kiu	47	Yu Leang	33

Goal-scorers were:—

Trojans:—Pun Kwong Yim 22, Thompson 16, Solecki 9.

V.R.C.:—Azedo 2, Maxwell 4, Ozorio 2, Roza-Pereira 4, Xavier 2; E. Rosario 8, L. Rosario 1.

Wah Kiu:—Tung Fuk-hon 12, Lau Ping-shan 8, Lo Kai-ming 6, Luk Yan-keung 8, Lam Kin-yan 2, Kwong Chi-hung 3, Chung Wai-heung 2, Tung Yu-ming 6.

Yu Leang:—Ng Chi-ngai 22, Chau Lai-kwong 2, Kam Yin 8, Sam Chow-wing 1.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	6	6	0	12
South China	6	6	0	12
Sing Tao	7	6	1	12
National University	6	5	1	10
Wah Kiu	7	5	2	10
Black Cats	7	4	3	8
Residents' Union	6	3	3	6
Indian Police	5	2	3	4
Youths	5	2	3	4
Yu Leang	6	1	5	2
Bank Union	6	1	5	2
Ping Ching	6	1	5	2
Trojans	7	1	6	2
V.R.C.	7	0	7	0

Recreio Bowls Changes

Recreio are making a great many changes in their Second Division Lawn Bowls League team for this week-end from the team that appeared last—on August 24—and one of the rinks will have a new skip. This is the four to be led by O. P. Remedios, which will comprise E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto and M. A. Carvalho, as against L. A. Rosario, J. R. Soares, M. F. Alarcon and M. A. Carvalho for their last match.

C. C. Pereira will have Rosario and H. M. Xavier as Nos. 1 and 2 in place of Barros and G. A. Guterres respectively, while M. L. da Roza and E. A. R. Alves will be the first two men for A. P. Pereira instead of F. P. Sequeira and C. P. Basto.

C.S.C.C. Reshuffle

Civil Service are also making a number of changes. Rakusen will have Harper as lead in place of McKay, while McGowan, who was skip to Simmonds, Walker and Collyer, will go No. 3 to Hillyer, for whom Gellatly will be No. 1 in place of Crawley. Strange, who takes over McGowan's rink, will have Purvis, Burling and Collyer as his front men.

Police have made no changes for their First Division Lawn Bowls match for this week.

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making a few changes in their Second Division team for this week, although Brown's rink remains unchanged and there is only one alteration in Costello's four, with Valentine replacing Lloyd as lead.

Abraham will be taking over Goodwin's rink, which comprised Aitkenhead, Rowell and Abraham last week. This rink on Saturday will have Monaghan, Rowell and Hamilton as the front men.

K.F.C. Changes

Kowloon Football Club have made some changes for their all-important game against Kowloon Tong this week-end at Chatham Road.

Younghusband, who led Ogley, Simpson and Hyde last week, will have new front men in Lapsley, Ogley and Atienza, while Chittenden goes as No. 3 to Field in place of Atienza.

Chittenden's rink will be taken over by Simpson, who will have Kern, Eastman and Hyde as his front men as against Naef, Eastman and Kern for Chittenden's rink last week. Ogden and Gibson, of Third Division, are the reserves.

Following are the selected teams:

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v Kowloon Dock R.C., home, at 4.30 p.m.):—M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, L. A. Collyer and H. E. Strange (skip); H. F. Harper, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbage and M. N. Rakusen (skip); J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, J. F. McGowan and W. R. Hillyer (skip). Reserve: C. Walker.

CLUB DE RECREIO

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., away):—L. A. Rozario, H. M. Xavier, J. A. Remedios and C. C. Pereira (skip); M. L. da Roza, E. A. R. Alves, H. R. Pinna and A. P. Pereira (skip); E. L. Cunha, C. P. Basto, M. A. Carvalho and O. P. Remedios (skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v K.B.G.C. "A", away):—W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (skip); C. Gough, J. M. Forrest, E. G. Post and J. C. S. Fender (skip); W. Cameron, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Hollands (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v Kowloon Tong Home):—A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, V. Atienza; P. Younghusband (skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip); E. Kern, A. E. Eastman, W. Hyde and W. C. Simpson (skip). Reserves:—R. M. Ogden and J. Gibson.

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v Craigengower C.C., Away):—Dr. D. J. Valentine, J. G. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); T. C. Monaghan, T. R. Rowell, P. J. A. Hamilton and E. S. Abraham (skip); R. R. Davies, P. B. Cassidy, A. Nissim and A. W. Brown (skip).

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"IRON" BUX OFFERED 2,000 PESOS TO LAY DOWN FIGHT IN MANILA

By "Incog."

"Iron" Bux, whose name was a household word amongst followers of boxing in Manila from 1917 to 1923, during which period he won every title of the Philippines from bantamweight to middleweight, in addition to winning the lightweight championship of the Orient, has a record that has not been approached by any other Hong Kong born lad.

For Bux has fought good men and beaten them. He has been hailed by competent judges as a "man who would have gone far in world boxing had he been taken in hand properly," for, as Bux himself admits, he had to pick-up all he knew about boxing with practically no assistance at all until he had reached the top flight amongst Hong Kong fighters.

After he had beaten "Kid" Marriott in a lightweight title fight here, interest began to be shown in the "Iron Man," but that was too late, for Bux had by this time heard of the opportunities for "promising youngsters" in the Philippines, and so Manila became his adopted home for the next decade.

And he adapted himself to the change admirably. He "went, he saw, he conquered," and by reason of the clean and sporting way he went about his fights, he was soon a favourite amongst the Filipinos, who became his camp-followers even against their own countrymen.

Beats Sammy Good

Bux's best fights were against Sammy Good, the Atlantic Coast fighter who was champion of California in the welterweight division. He had more than one scrap with him, and although Good won more times than he did, Bux at last had the satisfaction of upsetting the critics and beating Good on points over 20 rounds in June, 1919.

Bux also met Llew Edwards, the Australian welterweight champion and holder of the Lonsdale Belt, but the hardest hitter Bux came up against was a slim, good-looking sailor off the American Navy by the name of Frank Haynie.

"He was a slim boy, but those punches came like piston rods, and boy, he sure packed a wallop," said Bux, recalling the scrap he had with this boxer when he was badly beaten up, but weathered 15-rounds of punishment.

Bux was so good at one time as a lightweight that he had to fight outside of his class. Welters and Middles held no terrors for him and he was ever ready to oblige with 10 rounds of mixing it with the best of them.

2,000 Pesos Bribe

When he was about to meet Battling Mantell for the lightweight championship of the Orient, somebody offered him 2,000 pesos to lay down the fight, and in this connection the following extract from the "Cablenews-American", of August 15, 1916, makes interesting reading:—

"Iron Bux, champion lightweight of these fair isles, was offered the sum of 2,000 pesos to let Battling Mantell win the 20-round championship bout at the Olympic Club last Saturday night, according to reliable information obtained by the 'Cablenews' and Bux told the gent who offered the coin of the realm to take a trip to a region far warmer than is Manila even in the hot season.

"By his action he has kept the boxing game clean in this city and has won for himself a respect and admiration in the hearts of Manila fight fans that even his great ring ability could never gain."

The fight went the full 20-rounds, Bux winning by a comfortable margin, thus retaining the lightweight title of the Orient, which he won from Rufe Turner on a points decision.

That speaks for itself, and a little later, a racehorse made its appearance on the Manila track, named "Honest Bux" as an added tribute to this gallant boxer.

Last H.K. Bout In 1918

Bux had his last fight in Hong Kong in 1918 — the memorable bout against "Sky" Kerrison for the welterweight title, which ended in a draw — and the last fight of his career in Shanghai, was some 10 years later, under promoter "Sapper" Miles, one of the leading lights who took an interest in Bux in his early days here.

Since then Bux has indulged only in occasional "instructional bouts," and his one great disappointment is that he could never get the Chinese sportsmen interested enough in boxing to "make a go of that sport here."

Bux is still game as ever, and though he maintains he can still "go six rounds with some of the younger fellows," anno domini has overtaken him, and now his son "Iron" Bux jnr., is carrying on the good work in the roped square.

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CRAIGENGOWER'S TENNIS WIN

Army Tennis Club lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 sets to 5 in Third Division of the Tennis League at Sookunpoo yesterday.

S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.)
beat L. W. Kek and J. W. Leonard 6—4
lost to W. J. Howard and H. K. Wo 0—6
beat W. C. Hung and P. C. Yiu 6—3

S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.)
lost to Kek and Leonard 1—6
lost to Howard and Wo 1—6
beat Hung and Yui 6—4

Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Stoner (A.T.C.)
lost to Kek and Leonard 2—6
beat Howard and Wo 6—3
lost to Hung and Yui 1—6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	69½	20½	20
A.T.C.	10	8	2	0	57	24	16
C.C.C.	8	7	1	0	44	28	14
C.R.C. (2)	9	6	3	0	55	26	12
C.D.R.	8	5	2	1	42½	38½	11
K.I.T.C.	8	4	3	1	39½	32½	9
K.C.C.	10	3	7	0	28½	61½	6
C.R.C. (1)	7	2	5	0	24½	36½	4
K.T.G.C.A.	7	2	5	0	18	46	4
H.K.U.T.C.	8	1	7	0	24½	47½	2
I.R.C.	10	0	10	0	19	71	0

In a friendly hockey match at Sookunpoo yesterday, "B" Company, Royal Scots, defeated Royal Army Service Corps by two goals to one.

M. Ferguson and M. R. Abbas (with hat), caught by the camera during the I.R.C.-Kowloon Dock bowls match at Sookunpoo, where Indians won on all rinks. Abbas beat Ferguson 22-20 after having lost the First Round game at the Docks by 13-22.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS TO-DAY

Swimming of a very high standard should be the order of the day at the Colony Swimming Championships at Victoria Recreation Club this evening, commencing at 6.07 p.m. sharp.

The programme opens with the 880 Yards free-style race for men, and by way of sending the 1941 meeting off to a good start, records are expected to go by the board in this very first race, with Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun star performer, holding the spotlight.

The programme for to-day is as follows:—

Colony Championship — Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun), Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Chiu Wai-lim (Sing Tao) and Yu Shiu-kan (Chinese "Y").

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke (Junior Championship): — L. A. Marques, C. Marcal, A. Alves and L. Vieira.

Boys' 25 Yards free-style (12 years old and under).

Colony Championship — Ladies' 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ng Shiu-lin (H.K. and K.R. Union), Miss Li Po-leun (University), Miss Chan Chai-pin (C.B.C.), Miss Ho Wai-man (S.C.A.A.) and Miss Ko Miu-king (Lai Tsun).

Members' 100 Yards free-style (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun), Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun), A. L. Rumjahn (V.R.C.), A. V. Lopes (V.R.C.) and W. Lawrence (V.R.C.).

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style (Junior Championship):—Miss Jeannette Yolle, Miss Myra Noronha, Miss Therese Yvanovich, Miss Yvonne Yolle and Miss Yolanda Remedios.

Colony Championship—Ladies' Fancy Diving (3-Metre Board):—Miss Jacqueline Anderson (V.R.C.) and Miss Josephine Ng (C.B.C.).

Members' 50 Yards back-stroke (Junior Championship):—J. M. Gosano, F. A. Noronha, G. Saunders, E. D. da Roza and H. Reynolds.

Colony Championship — Ladies' 220 Yards free-style:—Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Lily Sadick (Lai Tsun), Miss Celeste Guterres (V.R.C.) and Ho Wai-king (C.B.C.).

Boys' 75 Yards Medley (Handicap).

Colony Championship — Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao) and Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

DECISION AT 5 P.M.

Owing to the intermittent rain, there is a possibility of the Colony Swimming Championships, scheduled for 6.07 p.m. at Victoria Recreation Club to-day, being postponed.

Enquiries from Mr. L. Roza-Pereira, Hon. Secretary, V.R.C., at 2.30 p.m. elicited the information that a decision will be made at 5 p.m. if the weather does not improve.

MEDICALS' XI

Following is the No. 27 Coy., R.A.M.C. team to meet 24th Bty. R.A. on the Military ground on Saturday:—Jones, Thompson and Entwistle; Gunson, Florence and Loynes; Mayhew, Bennett, Webb, Bright and Parkin.

Reserves:—Beeston and Collins.

Thompson is a very promising newcomer, while Jones, who was unfit for the latter part of last season, is reported to be sound again.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS WIN ARMY SWIMMING TITLE

Hong Kong Area (Army) Inter-Unit Swimming Championships, were held at Army Pool last night when Combined Small Units carried off the championship by amassing 70 points, against 62 by Royal Scots, who were runners-up. Combined Royal Artillery and Middlesex Regiment shared third place with 56 points each. Royal Engineers were fifth with 22 points.

At the conclusion of the programme H.E. the General-Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maltby, distributed the prizes.

Results were:

Four Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined Small Units; 4, Royal Engineers; 5, Middlesex. Time: 3 mins. 49.4 secs.

Four Men 100 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Middlesex; 3, Royal Scots; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 4 mins. 45 secs.

Plunging:—1, Middlesex (108 ft. 8½ ins.); 2, Royal Engineers (98 ft. 5 ins.); 3, Combined R.A. (96 ft. 4 ins.); 4, Royal Scots (94 ft. 4 ins.); 5, Combined Small Units (82 ft. 3 ins.).

Four Men 200 Yards Each Free-Style Relay:—1, Combined R.A.; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Royal Scots. Time: 11 mins. 51 secs.

Five Men Variety Relay (1 length, 3 lengths, 6 lengths, 3 lengths and 1 length):—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Royal Scots; 3, Combined R.A.; 4, Middlesex. Time: 5 mins. 49.4 secs.

Diving:—1, Royal Scots (233 pts.); 2, Combined Small Units (227½ pts.); 3, Middlesex (221 pts.); 4, Combined R.A. (190½ pts.); 5, Royal Engineers (186½ pts.).

Three Men 66 2/3 Yards Each Medley Relay:—1, Royal Scots; 2, Combined Small Units; 3, Middlesex; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers. Time: 2 mins. 35 secs.

Large Units Water-Polo Final:—Combined Small Units beat Royal Scots 5-0. Dignan (3); Allen and Bedford scored for the winners.

Officers 66 2/3 Yards Free-Style:—1, Major Templer (R.A.); 2, Lieut. Millar (R. Scots); 3, Capt. Dawson (Middlesex); 4, Capt. Williamson (Middlesex); 5, Lieut. Clague (R.A.); 6, Lieut. Scantlebury (Middlesex). (This event did not count towards the Inter-Unit Championship).

SEASON'S RUGGER FIXTURES

Dates for the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament are as follows:

November 15—Police v Club (Police).
November 29—Club v Navy (Club).
December 6—Navy v Police (Navy).
December 13—Army v Navy (Army).
December 20—Navy v Club (Navy).
December 27—Army v Club (Army).
January 3—Club v Army (Club).
January 10—Navy v Army (Navy).
January 17—Police v Navy (Police).
January 24—Army v Police (Army).
January 31—Police v Army (Police).
February 7—Club v Police (Club).

Last season two Tournament matches were played on the same afternoon on three occasions, but despite the fact this season's Tournament matches are all on different days the Tournament will be concluded only six days later, providing everything goes to schedule.

There are only six "combined" games—Club & Navy v Rest etc.—on the list, but it may be necessary to introduce more of these games as the season progresses.

The First Round of the International Tournament will be decided on February 21 and the Final on February 28. Volunteers meet Army on March 7 and the Seven-A-Side Tournament Finals will be on March 14. The last big match is Club v Bank on March 21.

REFEREES' LAST LECTURE

The last lecture for Football Referees will be held this evening at Scandal Point Hall at 7 p.m., when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of Hong Kong Football Referees Association, will be the speaker.

The oral and written examination for Army candidates will be held on Monday.

Playing over the Relief Course at Fanling on Tuesday evening, C. Mather did the third hole in one.

RUMJAHN REACHES FINAL

Following are the results of the most recent games in Indian Recreation Club's lawn bowls singles championship:

Quarter Final

S. M. Rumjahn	21	M. Hassan	1
A. R. Dallah	21	S. Yusuf	1
A. K. Suffied	21	A. R. Minu	16
A. H. Rumjahn to play A. K. Minu			

Semi-Final

S. M. Rumjahn	22	A. K. Suffiad	5
A. R. Dallah	v	A. H. Rumjahn or A. K. Minu	

Final

S. M. Rumjahn v A. R. Dallah, A. H. Rumjahn or A. K. Minu

LANEFORD SUCCESS AT BOWLS

At Happy Valley yesterday, Lanceford Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 9 shots in a friendly Lawn Bowls match.

C.S.C.C.		Laneford	
E. Purvis		A. J. Prata	
M. Scott		S. Carr.	
A. B. Allan		A. B. Hamson	
V. S. Ebbage (Skip)	25	W. G. Ogley (Skip)	15
C. J. Walker		F. Hall	
W. D. Gardner		T. Edgar	
J. Gellatly		H. W. Randall	
H. E. Strange (Skip)	11	E. C. Finther (Skip)	26
J. Hempsey		E. F. S. Baker	
F. McGowan		J. Lodge	
S. Eccleshall		L. Jack	
E. W. C. Simmonds (Skip)	20	F. Goodwin (Skip)	24
Total	56		65

BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the latest Club Bowls results:—

KOWLOON BOWLING C.C.

Club Championship

Second Round:—L. Sykes received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; E. Levett beat A. G. Gardner.

President's Cup

First Round:—I. Newton beat S. C. Walker. Second Round:—L. Guy received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin; L. Sykes beat E. A. Atkins.

Vice-President's Cup

First Round:—G. Thompson beat E. V. Searle. Second Round:—H. L. Lockhart beat H. Bicknell; R. Duncan received a walk-over from C. E. Turpin.

Singles Handicap

First Round:—A. J. Hall (scr.) beat W. S. Drake (scr.). Second Round:—V. C. Dixon (4) beat L. A. Jordan (3).

Pairs Handicap

First Round:—K. C. Hamilton and H. Bicknell (4) beat E. Levett and W. J. Geall (6).

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

Singles Handicap

Third Round:—C. Dowman (—2) beat Y. Abbas (1).

A roller skating exhibition in aid of the Bomber Fund and China War Relief Fund will be held under the auspices of Hong Kong Skating Club tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Ciro's Skating Rink, Causeway Bay. Admission will be $5.00, $2.00, $1.00 and 50 cents.

Other Sport will be found on Page 13.

ENGINEERS, NEW TO 1ST DIVISION, IMPRESS IN MATCH AGAINST S.C.A.A.

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEWCOMERS TO FIRST DIVISION, DID UNEXPECTEDLY WELL AGAINST SOUTH CHINA, LEAGUE AND SHIELD CHAMPIONS, IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME AT CAROLINE HILL YESTERDAY, AND WERE BEATEN BY ONLY THE ODD GOAL IN FIVE AFTER BEING 2-1 DOWN AT THE INTERVAL.

Engineers were without two of their regular players, Palmer being on the injured list and Jones their left winger, being an absentee. Moores and Gough, who were brought into the side, both did well. Sappers, on their display yesterday, should upset a few teams in First Division.

Engineers were slow in settling down and were at sea against the fast Chinese forwards. In the later stages of the game, however, they played well.

Moxham had no chance with the shots that beat him and brought off several good saves during the afternoon. Moores, who played in place of the injured Palmer, gave a promising display in an unaccustomed position, as he generally plays at centre-half.

Chau Man-chi, South China, making a dash for the ball in last Sunday's charity match against the Association's Governor's Cup team, who were beaten 6-0. Behind Chau is Pope, with Bright in the background. Nix, who deputised for Bankier in goal, is nearest the ball.

Shaw v Lee

Shaw was not at his best, but kept a constant watch on Lee Wai-tong and Chau Man-chi, while Chan King-kuen found Lee Shek-yau a troublesome winger but stuck to him well.

Birrell was the best forward and was a constant menace to South China defenders. He combined well with Lee Wai-lam and crowned a good day's work with a fine goal.

Gough, on the left wing, who played in place of Jones, also did well and with Fox gave the Chinese defenders several anxious moments.

South China played below form and in the closing minutes their forwards could make little headway against the hard tackling of

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R.A.S.C. BEAT CLUB "A" IN FRIENDLY

Playing better as a team, Royal Army Service Corps beat Club by 4 goals to 1 in a friendly football match at Happy Valley last evening.

Club's team included four of the first eleven, but too much individualism marred their game. Grattan, at right back, played very sound football and not only cleared safely, but fed the forwards well on more than one occasion, though some of his well-directed centres went a-begging.

Forrow and Odell both played well, but the forwards were on the weak side though Taylor scored a goal in the first half.

For Service Corps, Hamlin and Blazzard were a safe pair of backs, and they show signs of developing into one of the best combinations in the Second Division this season.

Blazzard Impressive

Blazzard, who is a newcomer to local football, was particularly impressive with his first-time clearances, while his positioning was also good.

Clark scored first for the Service Corps and Martin increased the lead. Then Taylor scored with a "trick shot," one of that variety which is aimed at one corner of the net and then finds its way in through the other! Just before half-time Weir added the third goal for the Corps.

Play was more even during the second half, though the Club backs were given a lot of work to do by the hard-pressing Corps forwards. Following one of these raids Clark gained possession of the ball, and with a good shot found the net, the final whistle sounding shortly after. Teams were:—

Club:—J. G. Bailey; A. G. Grattan and H. Millington; A. Eger, K. W. Forrow and A. Odell; E. V. Hopkinson, A. Bond, C. F. Needham, A. J. G. Taylor and P. O. Morgan.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Hamlin and Blazzard; Smart, Morgan and Hammond; Glenn, Farrell, Clark, Weir and Martin.

TRUSCOTT'S HAT TRICK

At Causeway Bay, Signals, Third Division runners-up and now competing in Second Division, beat Royal Navy in a friendly football match by four clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Signals were the better balanced team and displayed good combination in the attack while their intermediate line was too good for the Navy forwards.

Truscott opened the scoring for Signals early in the game and shortly after increased the lead. Bates scored before the interval and in the second period Truscott registered his "hat trick."

Navy:—Giff; Wilson and Connor; Bowden, Parkinson and Gallagher; Breese, Spradberry, Taylor, Shipside and Long.

Signals:—Newham; Taylor and Smith; Holland, Spinks and Hutchinson; Truscott, Bates, Brackenberry, Skinner and Laing.

SAPPER JUNIORS BEAT SAINTS

Royal Engineers juniors beat St. Joseph's by four clear goals in a friendly football game at the Valley yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

St. Joseph's tried several new players and though they showed promise they were unable to settle down and combine with the rest of the team.

Moores scored for Sappers early in the game and in the second half he added another, Ellsley and Bures added further goals.

At Boundary Street yesterday, Police beat Air Force in a friendly football game by the odd goal in five. Gordon scored all the goals for Police and W. McDonald and G. Smith for Air Force.

Sappers. Lee Shek-yau was not so prominent on the left wing while Chau Man-chi made the mistake of feeding him too much.

Lee Wai-tong started well and showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with, but in the second period he slackened his pace considerably.

He opened the scoring in the first five minutes with a good goal and shortly after increased the lead. Gough reduced the arrears before the interval.

In the second half Lee Tak-kee scored, and Birrell beat Tam Kwan-kon with a good shot.

Lee Wai-tong broke through in the closing stages but shot over the bar.

Teams were:—

South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung; Ho Lok-kee, Lam Tak-po and Lau Hing-choy; Lee Tak-kee, Cheung Wing-keung, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Moores and Fielding; Chan Yuen-king, Shaw and Taylor; Lee Wai-lam, Birrell, Pelham, Fox and Gough.

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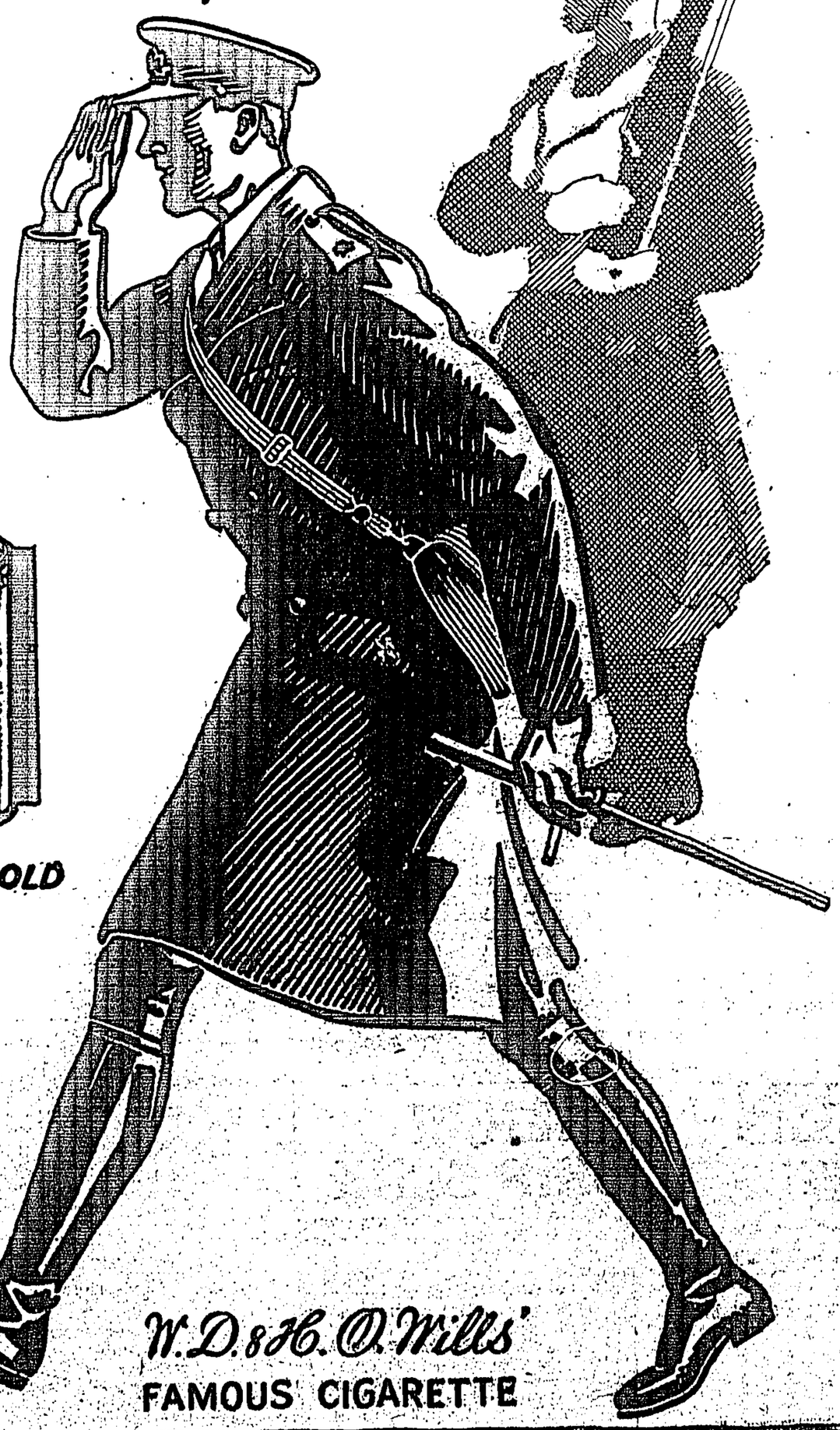

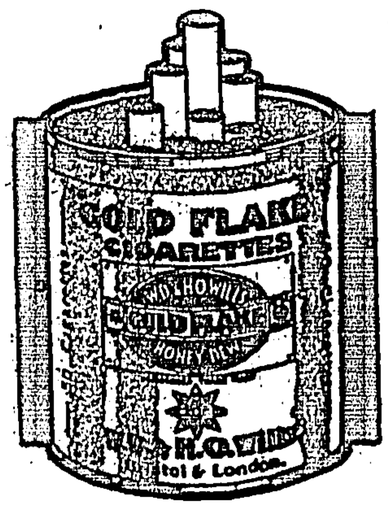

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ON THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE CENTRAL FRONT THE RUSSIANS ARE CREDITED WITH DEFEATING THE 233RD AND 235TH GERMAN INFANTRY REGIMENTS, WHICH WERE HURLED BACK ACROSS THE WEST REACHES OF THE DVINA AFTER FOUR DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING.

The Germans, it is stated in Moscow, left the bodies of 2,500 officers and men behind.

Moscow radio reported last night that it is snowing over wide areas of the Russian front.

M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, ridiculed German casualty claims and said that on the basis of captured documents German losses total approximately 2,300,000.

It is appearing more and more probable that no Russian troops have been trapped east of Kiev and that Marshal Budenny's strategic eastward move was successful.

The Germans, however, claim "another 100,000" Russian prisoners in the Kiev area, and put Soviet losses here at "close on a million."

German Boasts

Kiev, the Nazis say, was "the greatest single catastrophe suffered by an army in world history."

The former Czarist battleship "Marat," one of Russia's three known capital warships, is claimed to have been sunk by dive-bombers in the Gulf of Finland, and the Germans say they have again damaged the battleship "October Revolution."

The Germans boast they are ready for street fighting in Leningrad "with machine-guns and bayonets." — International News Service.

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WAVELL'S FLYING VISIT

It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, has been on a visit to London, where he had consultations with the Imperial General Staff.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned to India.

During General Wavell's visit to London he had several talks with Mr. Churchill, General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and other high British military officials.

It is understood the object of General Wavell's visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.—Reuter.

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SOCONY FACTORY BLAZE

All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory at Whiting, Indiana.

One man is reported to have been killed and several are injured.

The fire spread to dozens of oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long.

Concern is expressed over the possibility that an "agitator plant," which is a storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames are visible for many miles.

—Later.

The fire is now apparently under control. — Reuter.

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FRENCH SHIP SUNK

The Vichy news agency announces that British bombers attacked and sank the French cargo steamer "Moncelet" on Saturday in the Gulf of Gabes, off the coast of Tunisia. All her crew were rescued.

The agency adds that the "Moncelet," which carried a cargo of phosphates, caught fire after being hit by three bombs.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

"The present temporary lull in activities in this part of the world is not one for sleep," declared Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief Far East, in an interview in Rangoon yesterday.

Sir Robert emphasised that the lull, which was fortunate, should be utilised to obtain "full value from the time that is yet ours."

The C-in-C is in Rangoon following an extensive tour by air and road of Burma's defences. He "patted on the back" those responsible for the new aerodromes and said those he visited were well-constructed and well-planned while the roads were better than he had anticipated. He emphasised, however, that considerable improvements were still needed in defence works and training as such was necessary to have a detrimental effect on anyone thinking of attacking the country, and thus secure the peace and security of Burma. —Reuter.

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